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SAT-CHI REIGN SUPREME AGAIN, CORNER GLORY AT KOREA OPEN

World No. 3 pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty complete come-from-behind victory to win their fourth title of the season

INDONESIAN WORLD NO. 1 TEAM REELED IN

The pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Ardianto took the opening game but they were reeled in. The Indian pair took the final 17-21, 21-13, 21-14 in just over an hour. They have won won each of their last six finals. Coach Mathias Boe had spoken about their hunger and their latest win is a proof of how they have developed their skills and ability to fight past complications

SHINING LIGHT OF INDIAN BADMINTON

- Even as the singles players are going through a dull phase, Sat-Chi have now become the sport's biggest names in India. In Korea, they dropped only one game all week and largely remained untroubled en route title
- The next challenge for them is the Japan Open that's beginning this week. In the medium-term, they have the Asian Games in a few months

Winning run

SINCE THEIR LAST LOSS, THEY ARE ON A 10-MATCH WINNING STREAK

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Pressure on PM Modi to intervene as Manipur situation remains fluid

With Opposition parties planning joint protests, Parliament likely to witness disruption today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi / Guwahati

WITH violence in Manipur continuing unabated, the chorus for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention is growing louder. Parliament is likely to witness noisy scenes and disruption on Monday as well, as the Opposition parties have planned joint protests on the situation in Manipur.

While the Opposition has been pressing for a statement from PM Modi in Parliament before a discussion on the issue, the government's position has been that home minister Amit Shah will speak instead.

On Sunday, civil rights activist Irom Sharmila, who hails from Manipur, urged the prime minister to immediately intervene to address the situation. Describing the incident of strip-and-parade of two tribal women as 'inhuman', she also demanded that Manipur CM Biren Singh admit his failure and apologise to the people.

Children displaced by violence watch TV at a relief camp in Imphal on Sunday | PTI

Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Maliwal, who reached Imphal on Sunday, appealed to Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani to visit the strife-torn state to understand the ground situation and the extent of people's suffering.

Meanwhile, 78 Meiteis left Mizoram for Imphal, Guwahati and Kolkata in three different flights on Sunday, a day after 56 of them left for Imphal by a flight from Aizawl.

Reports also said 31 Mizo students left Imphal for Aizawl by a flight on Sunday over security concerns.

In the fresh bout of violence that erupted on Saturday evening at Kwakta near the border of Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts, three persons were reportedly injured. According to official sources, two groups were engaged in a gunfight till the early hours of Sunday, during which shots were fired intermittently.

Personnel of the National Disaster Relief Force rescue people trapped in flood-affected Mocha village in Gujarat on Sunday | ANI

Flood-hit Gujarat braces for more rains, thousands evacuated

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

WITH parts of Gujarat still reeling under Saturday's heavy rainfall, the Meteorological Department on Sunday issued an orange alert, warning of "heavy to very heavy rainfall" across various districts of the state on Monday.

On Sunday, flood waters seemed to ebb in Junagadh, a day after severe rainfall inundated several low-lying areas of the district. More than 3,000 people in the district have been shifted to safer places, officials said.

Junagadh city, among the worst-hit, received 241 mm of rainfall in just 12 hours on Saturday. Gushing waters swept away dozens of parked vehicles and cattle.

Relief works led by National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force were on.

Junagadh district collector Anil Ranavasiya said water has receded in many areas of the city. "Our main focus now is towards cleanliness in the city. Junagadh city has around 600 cleaning staff, and we are getting another 400 from other districts. So, our focus for today is to clean the city so that normalcy is restored," he said.

Heavy rains across the state have led to the closure of two national highways, 10 state highways, and 300 rural roads.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and took stock of the situation.

Meanwhile, Yamuna crossed the danger mark in Delhi again on Sunday following a surge in discharge from the Hathnikund Barrage into the river after heavy rain in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

A flood alert was issued in parts of Noida as water discharge in Hindon River river increased, officials said. Around 200 people living in five villages along the river have been evacuated and shifted to shelter homes, they said.

EXPRESS READ

Pakistant FM may become interim PM

Islamabad: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz is considering proposing the name of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar as caretaker PM once the term of the current National Assembly ends in August.

Musk contemplates changing Twitter logo

Los Angeles: Elon Musk on Sunday shared his decision to change Twitter's logo. He tweeted: "And soon we shall bid adieu to the twitter brand and, gradually, all the birds." He said, "If a good enough X logo is posted tonight, we'll make (it) go live worldwide tomorrow."

FRESH WORRIES FOR GOVT: RICE PRICES UP IN GLOBAL MARKET

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

BPL and APL cardholders are waiting for 10 kg of rice under the Anna Bhagya scheme. But the state government, which has been facing problems sourcing large quantities of rice for the scheme, has been giving out cash to each beneficiary instead of 5 kg of rice.

Though the government is exploring different options, it is faced with a fresh issue of rising global prices of rice, and tickers have been zooming at the international rice market in Singapore.

To prevent any inflationary pressure on households, the central government has banned the export of non-basmati rice.

Former Food Corporation of India chairman DV Prasad told The New Indian Express, "Karnataka has become an accidental pioneer for cash transfer for the extra 5 kg free rice because of the circumstances. Since beneficiaries already get 5 kg through the central government programme, it would be ideal to continue with cash transfer as it gives beneficiaries the freedom to buy other essentials."

Food Minister KH Muniyappa said, "We are not perturbed by international developments. It will be resolved in a month. I have held three meetings with all the stakeholders. By September, we should be able to stop cash distribution and restore rice distribution like we had originally planned." CONTINUED ON: P4

JOB JOLT

Mysureans fall prey to prepaid online task scam

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

NEXT time you see a message offering lucrative part-time or prepaid jobs on WhatsApp or Telegram, be cautious or you might lose all your money from your bank account.

Part-time job seekers and those seeking the work from home option are increasingly falling prey to a prepaid task scam and cybercriminals have managed to clean bank accounts of at least 30 victims in the last few months in Mysuru alone.

Complaints registered at the cybercrime police station in Mysuru over the last two months reveal that nearly 60 per cent of all cyber frauds are related to this prepaid task scam. People have lost money ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 35 lakh per person.

Weaving a web of illusion to make the victims believe that they are dealing with genuine professionals, these fraudsters make the first few payments to gain the victim's trust. But subsequently, they encourage the victims to invest more to gain more, finally disappearing with the entire investment.

The prepaid tasks include watching, reviewing and liking Youtube videos. The police, investigating these cases, found that the accounts to which money was transferred are in bank branches spread across the country.

The cybercrime police have advised people to exercise caution over such prepaid tasks.

RIDING THE RAPIDS

Two youth attempt to cross a flooded bridge on a motorcycle in Kadaba taluk of Dakshina Kannada on Sunday | EXPRESS | P5

Raft turns ambulance, ferries 2 from flood-hit village in Uttara Kannada

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S
@ Joida (Uttara Kannada)

HEAVY rain in several parts of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada exposed the pathetic condition in which people live in the interior villages of Kali Tiger Reserve. Two persons, who developed respiratory problems, had to be ferried out in rafts meant for adventure sports, to a hospital. In the backwaters of Kaneri reservoir, the roads have turned into rivers as the water level has been rising continuously for the last three days. A bridge near Kundal village has submerged, leaving no road connectivity to the villagers.

Residents of Kali Tiger Reserve being ferried in a raft following heavy rainfall

Tahsildar Basavaraj Chinnalli and Revenue Inspector Ganapathi Methri came to the rescue of the two patients after being told that the village had got completely cut off from the outer world. "After exploring various options, we finally decided to use rafts from Hornbill Resorts. An ambulance was then stationed at a safer place in which the patients, Raja Velap and Ganesh Velap, were taken to a hospital. They have been admitted to Joida Taluk Hospital," said Subhash Gouda, a resident here.

The gram panchayat is a cluster of several villages with a population of about 1,000 people. Of the villages in the panchayat, Kundal, Kuravali, Navara, Ambali and Katheli have been cut off from the outer world since Thursday night.

Navy to test unmanned vessel after monsoon

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

The Navy is gearing up to test indigenously-built Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV), with the first round of tests expected after the monsoon

"The first test of the USV will be post-monsoon, somewhere between September and November when the vessel will sail from Goa to Mumbai," sources said.

The move will be a boost for the force's drive towards modernisation and indigenization.

USVs drew attention amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war when the Ukrainian navy used them to attack Russia's Black Sea Fleet headquarters in Sevastopol, on the Crimean peninsula in October last.

In yet another boost for indigenization, the Navy has begun equipping its warships with Software-Defined Radio (SDR) systems made by the Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

WESEE has designed and developed three types of SDRs – SDR NC, SDR-Tac (tactical), and SDR-NG. A fourth one is in the developmental stage and is expected to begin testing next year. SDR-Naval Combat (NC) has already been fitted in all warships and is functioning well as per sources. The SDR-Tac has been installed in most of the warships.

Speaking about SDR-Tac, WESSE director general, Rear Admiral Ankur Sharma said, "It is intended to serve ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, and ship-to-air voice-data communication for network-centric operations."

Focus on unmanned systems

The US, UK, China and France are working on developing unnamed systems for their forces including Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs)

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 24/07/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Adhika Shravana • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Shashti 8.54 am • Nakshatra: Hastha 6.29 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 21°C | MAX 25°C
FORECAST: Passing showers. Overcast.
Sunrise 6.03 am | Sunset 6.49 pm | Moonrise 11.02 am | Moonset 11.12 pm

SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

Don't share your mobile numbers: Rapido to users

Advises them not to accept ride if there is mismatch between rider and vehicle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the recent alleged sexual harassment incident with a woman commuter, bike taxi aggregator Rapido has asked its customers not to share their mobile numbers with the riders. Extending apologies to the victim, Athira Purushothaman, company representatives said the accused rider, who was allegedly involved in the sexual harassment incident on Friday, has been suspended from the platform.

Advising customers not to take the ride if the booked vehicle and the rider do not match with the details in the app, the representatives said, "This essential step ensures that customers can match the captain and vehicle details accurately, before beginning their rides. By doing so, we believe that such precautions can help prevent any unfortunate incidents and create a safer environment for all."

A representative said that all conversations happen through a secure third-party call (masking service), ensuring privacy and safety for both parties. The customers need not share their mobile numbers. The company also asked customers not to accept the ride, if there is a mismatch between the rider and the vehicle, like what happened in the recent case.

"As part of our industry-leading practices, we conduct stringent background verification checks for all riders who join our platform. These checks are designed to identify any red flags and ensure that only trustworthy individuals become Rapido captains (riders)," the representative said.

Meanwhile, Athira thanked the Electronics City police for their swift action, by arresting the accused, Kuruvettappa, and said that as a woman, it gives hope knowing that such incidents are treated with utmost priority.

Suicide: Varsity group for counter online campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE controversy surrounding the death of 19-year-old Aditya Prabhu continues, as his university issued a statement denying allegations made by his mother. Yet another post went viral on social media, wherein alleged screenshots of a university group chat were posted. In the screenshots, a faculty member, or member of administration, is seen encouraging the start of a social media campaign, titled 'We Love PES University', to counter the backlash that the university faced online. "This is regarding the social media backlash on the university in the aftermath of the unfortunate demise of Aditya Prabhu. There is a need to bring out the positive vibes in the campuses and that the university provides a platform for all types of students. The university needs our support at this critical moment," a screenshot read. Later, the anonymous user who had posted the screenshot on Twitter, posted another threatening message they had received, which stated, "Take down the message or you will be found out and face severe action from the university."

Meanwhile, PES University released an official statement, refuting allegations that Aditya had been harassed following his misconduct during an examination, leading him to commit suicide. "Regardless of the best intentions of the University to protect the image of the student and his family, there have been a number of reports in the papers and social media alleging that the university has not been forth coming and has been harsh on judging the malpractice incident. These reports are all baseless and the University refutes all charges that are being made regarding the process and all the lies that are being circulated by opinions on our staff and the welfare of our students," the university stated.

They also said that they refused to comment on the incident itself as it is currently under investigation. Following a complaint from Aditya's parents, Girish and Asha Prabhu, police filed an FIR against the university. Meanwhile, a social media account belonging to Aditya's mother highlighted several issues following his death, including alleging that university staff had told Aditya that it was better to die than to engage in malpractice.

Relatives and friends of Aditya Prabhu pay respects to him during a condolence meet at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

BANDH CALL

Min to meet pvt transporters today

ENS @ Bengaluru

AGAINST the backdrop of private buses, cabs and auto operators, led by the Federation of Karnataka Private Transport Associations, calling for a Bengaluru bandh on July 27, thus affecting transport services in the city, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has called for a meeting with the representatives of the federation on Monday at the Transport Department office.

The federation cites that their revenue has taken a severe beating ever since the Congress-led state government implemented the Shakti scheme, which offers free travel to all women in the state in non-premium state buses. Among the major demands of the federation is that private buses are paid the ticket value of the women passengers, just like how the state government is reimbursing the bus corporations -- KSRTC, KKRTC, NWKRTC and BMTC based on 'zero tickets'. If the government cannot foot the bill, private bus operators urge that they be completely exempted from paying road tax.

They also urge that auto drivers be paid a compensation of Rs 10,000 per month for the loss of their business to the Shakti scheme. Another major demand of the auto unions is to impose a complete ban on white-board bike taxis. Further, members of the federation are expected to register their protest against the hike in the lifetime tax on commercial goods vehicles and cabs. The transport department has invited representatives of 35 associations of private travel operators.

BMRCL to complete community hall for cops

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING takeover of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) building with regard to allied works of the KR Puram-Central Silk Board Line, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is now putting in place a brand-new police community hall at Silk Board Junction. The pandemic and heavy rain have delayed its completion by 1.5 years.

The police community hall under construction in Bengaluru

Speaking to *TNIE*, a senior Metro official said that 80 per cent of the Police Samudaya Bhavan has been completed, with finishing works under way. "We are looking at completing it within the next two months. A sum of Rs 20 crore has been spent on the bhavan, which will have a ground floor plus one-floor. It is located at the junction itself, next to the bus stop. When we took over the KSRP property a few years ago, they had completed 25 per cent of the construction. They had to halt their work, as they knew we intended to acquire it," he said.

The old building had to be demolished by BMRCL later. The new structure is located very close to the flyover, he added. The rail-cum-road flyover from Jayadeva Metro station will lead to a flyover at the Silk Board, which BMRCL is constructing, but would be funded by the BBMP or BDA, another official said.

The foundation stone for the Samudaya Bhavan was laid on November 27, 2020.

"It was to be in place by June 2022. But due to the pandemic and heavy rain, it got delayed. It will be ready by September-end or early-October," another official said. Venkatraman Associates had designed the building for BMRCL, he added.

A police source said the building could be used as a marriage hall or to hold conferences and meetings. "There is ample parking space on the ground floor," he added.

POST BUZZ

'Is ₹40,000 enough to survive in Bengaluru?' Just about, say netizens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A WOMAN who took to a social media platform recently, asking if she could survive in Bengaluru with a salary of Rs 40,000, left citizens divided over the city's livability factor.

"Can a daughter along with her single mother survive in Bengaluru in a salary of Rs 40,000?" the woman posted on Reddit, a social news website, on July 21. The post gathered over 700 upvotes within a day.

The woman wrote: "My father has not been in the picture since I was 5, now after completing my education from my hometown and working from home for two years, my organisation is stressing on returning to office, and to do so I would have to move to Bengaluru along with my mother. I am scared because my mom has recovered from severe medical illness but has been stable for three years. I am so scared to burst this comfort bubble and move there, thinking what if things turn out bad? But moving to Bengaluru is very crucial for me in my career at this point."

More than enough, even 30k is enough if you spend wisely. But you will not be able to save much

A social media user, in response to the query

Multiple citizens came forward to advocate for the city, stating aspects related to conveyance and food joints. "Travel in buses is free for women now here, so that's a plus," a Reddit user said, while another one wrote, "I eat breakfast and lunch for Rs 40 in total at this small darshini. So what one really needs to spend money on is rent and other small expenses."

On the other side, a person addressed the city's poor Metro connectivity and the issue of high rents and deposits which can increase daily expenses. Citizens highlighted that the biggest expense is rent and deposit. If that is sorted, then other things are manageable. "More than enough, even 30k is enough if you spend wisely. But you will not be able to save much," a user said.

Another user commented: "This entirely depends on your lifestyle. Bengaluru has folks who fall into various income brackets, and some survive and some thrive. Not to mention, if you are moving here, there's a possibility of securing another opportunity that might provide a significant hike."

NOT A SUN DAY

Grey clouds engulf the sky over Bengaluru on Sunday, when the city witnessed considerable rain through the evening | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Van Gogh 360 to enthral Bengaluru next month

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Van Gogh 360 immersive experience is coming to Bengaluru, on August 8 to September 3. This one-of-a-kind exhibition creatively projects 300 masterpieces of Dutch art maestro Vincent Van Gogh on the room's floors and walls. The exhibition is scheduled to be held at the Bhartiya Mall located in Bhartiya City on Thanisandra Main Road.

The 360-degree immersive art experience takes one into Van Gogh's world. It's digitally powered, where technology meets art. The room where it is planned will be using cutting-edge projection technology, crafted by world-renowned audio-visual designers. It is said that dozens of projectors are put in the room with images and animation that fill the space with the painter's designs. From Starry Night to Almond Blossom and self-portraits, this is a delight for art lovers in the city, and Bengalureans are excited to witness it after a long wait.

Aayushi Parekh, a 24-year-old resident of Bengaluru, said, "I've been waiting for Van Gogh ever since it was announced in 2022 for the India tour. It's a little out of budget, but it will be an experience like no other. This is art being showcased in an unconventional manner and nobody should miss it."

Siddhant Chaturvedi (26), an art enthusiast, said, "I hope the tickets can be made a little more affordable, allowing more people to experience the world of art and creativity."

Tickets for the exhibition are available at Rs 1,099 for Monday to Friday, and Rs 1,499 over the weekends. The entire collection can be experienced in one hour. Earlier, the exhibition was held in Delhi and Mumbai.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24TH July : It's a Cancerian kind of a day. That is a time for caution, in my opinion. If you're in a risk-taking frame of mind, make sure you have all your options covered, which I guess means not really taking a risk at all! On the other hand, it's a fine time for sticking close to home, ensuring that all creature comforts are met!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The beginning of the week is bound to be dominated by questions of money, and what you can and can't afford will be the overriding issue of the times. Don't expect every-thing to be completed today, for there are further changes waiting in the wings.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
A build-up of lively lunar alignments is already sending emotional ripples in your direction. The waters of life may soon be a little choppier than you would like, but you may use any changes in your routine as an oppor-tunity for self-reflection.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may be concerned first with how to put your ideas into practice, and secondly with how to prevent certain other people from knowing exactly what you're planning! Take trusted individuals into your confidence sooner rather than later, and you'll stand a better chance of getting your way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Think ahead. You may be concerned with the need to fulfil immediate responsibilities, but your day will be all the more successful if you have a long-term strategy. This, you see, will enable you to identify the underlying patterns in your affairs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The heart of all current questions concerns your ambitious desire to "be somebody". If you fail to make any effort in this direction you will bring frustration upon yourself. Ultimately, it doesn't matter whether you succeed or fail, just as long as you try.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
At home and in your private life you should expect a fair degree of confusion. This is to be welcomed as a sign that change is being forced upon you, giving you the opportunity to make whatever improvements you feel are necessary. Try to ensure that everyone shares in the benefits.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is still a great deal to gain from being as generous as possible. Remember all those wise sayings about not living by bread alone, and realise that money is there to be used, not hoarded away. Your high hopes will come to nothing unless you actually get on and do something about them!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This is a fairly powerful period emotionally, but in many ways less intense than you have come to expect at such moments. The cause celebre of the day could be money, and if you're wondering just what is going on, give yourself a little more time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Get off to an efficient and organised start today. There is no time for early morning blues. Given that there may soon be a brief, stormy period at work, it's in your interests to be fully prepared. In fact, you'd be advised to steal a march on people at home as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It may be an overstatement to say that this is an moment for unrest-rained pleasure, but it is certainly a fine time to give the highest priority to your personal creativity and desire for self-expression. And don't let someone dent your enthu-siasm, however hard they try.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Get back to basics today. For some of you this could mean that home and family affairs take up so much time that you never actually get going on anything else. At work, try as best you can to create a cosy atmosphere. Make sure that colleagues know they can rely on you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are very certain of your plans, but less sure about which of them should take priority! It is strange indeed how you can at once be so sure of the future, yet so typically undecided! A useful start would be to check out what you can actually afford.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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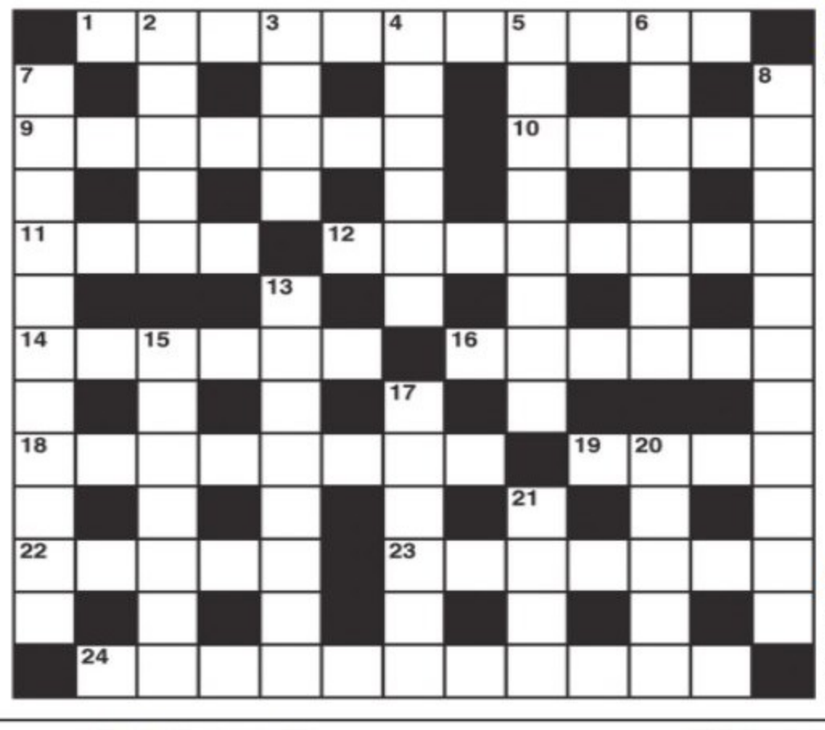
SU DO KU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 He requires staff for the spring (4-7)
9 Vindication of French miscreant (7)
10 Cool courage is never shattered (5)
11 She's not improved by the golden touch (4)
12 In use can turn into a problem (8)
14 A ship wreck holds nothing for her (6)
16 It checks the growth of population (6)
18 Sense there's agreement among rowing men (8)
19 Call used in boxing (4)
22 Oft repeated ceremony on the third of October (5)
23 Royal symbols from Algeria (7)
24 Order for weapons now (7,4)

DOWN
2 Refuse organic food? (5)
3 Bird from another nest (4)
4 Place to meet after a drive (6)
5 They call out at court (8)
6 Jobs for the boys (7)
7 Young people arranged to see Scotland (11)
8 It's selected by a backer (7,4)
13 They share an item in a geometry set (8)
15 PM has about a thousand in support (7)
17 Greek ferry operator (6)
20 Mails sorted for the Muslim world (5)
21 Site of beautiful marble mausoleum in Panama graveyard (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Docked, 4 Hammered, 9 Acumen, 10 Mistrial, 12 Rule, 13 Divot, 14 Menu, 17 Buster Keaton, 20 Beat the count, 23 Omen, 24 Touch, 25 Opal, 28 Keepsake, 29 Parrot, 30 Payments, 31 Presto.

Down: 1 Diatribe, 2 Clueless, 3 Eyes, 5 A bit of a shock, 6 Mite, 7 Railed, 8 Delius, 11 Ticket pocket, 15 Bevel, 16 Pouch, 18 Supports, 19 Stiletto, 21 Lock-up, 22 Heresy, 26 Isle, 27 Fair.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

RRNEU

SMEAU

FESLUU

CLEINH

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5/26
THE MEN WHO VOLUNTEERED TO REENACT MEDIEVAL WARFARE ON HORSEBACK WERE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FLECK PRIME POWDER CANOLA
Answer: He was the NBA's "MVP" six times, which made Abdul-Jabbar the — "KAREEM" OF THE CROP

2 MEN GO FISHING IN TANK, DROWN

Two men who were fishing at a big tank in Kadaba town of Gubbi taluk, drowned on Sunday. The deceased are Hareesh (31) and Yogesh (36) of Adugondanahalli village. The fire brigade crew fished out their bodies after a three-hour operation

Cops issue lookout circular against terror suspect

Junaid Ahmed is suspected to be in a Gulf nation, allegedly radicalised by LeT operative in prison

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) police have issued a lookout circular (LOC) against Junaid Ahmed in connection with the alleged terror module they busted recently.

Sources in the police department said though the whereabouts of Junaid are not yet known, LOC has been issued against him. "While the initial investigation suggested that he was in a Gulf country, it is not clear whether he is still there. As part of the investigation, the LOC has been issued against him," an official said.

The police had arrested five terror suspects - Syed Suhel Suhail Khan, Mohammed Umar, Zahid Tabrez, Syed Mudasir Pasha and Mohammed Fazil - who are presently in police custody. Investigations pointed that Junaid Ahmed, a resident of Sultanpalya, came in contact with Thadiyanthavide Nazeer - a Lashkar-e-Taiba operative and an accused in the 2008 Bengaluru serial blasts - when he was lodged at Bangalore Central Prison in a kidnap and murder case. Allegedly radicalised by Nazeer, Junaid mentored and motivated the five suspects to carry out anti-national activities.

As the police continue to question the five suspects already in their custody, they are trying to dig more information out of them about Junaid. Also, not knowing the current location of Junaid comes as a hurdle for the CCB in approaching Interpol. "Though we have not reached a stage where we can approach Interpol, knowing his whereabouts is important as we can seek Interpol help in nabbing him only if we have some concrete details that he is present in a particular country. Until then, we can't approach Interpol," the official added.

The city police had seized a cache of ammunition including grenades from the arrested terror suspects, who were allegedly planning to carry out blasts at places with high footfalls. The NIA officials had also examined the suspects in custody.

EXPRESS READ

Bengaluru tourist rescued in Sakleshpur

HASSAN: Residents of Sakleshpur rescued a tourist from Bengaluru who was stranded in Mukanamane Falls in Sakleshpur taluk on Sunday. Vadivelu, a local swimmer with the help of residents and other tourists, rescued Sujay who was stuck on a rock. Sujay was rescued with the help of a rope in an hour-long operation. The incident occurred when Sujay and three others from Bengaluru visited Mukanamane Falls and were playing in the water. Sujay was swept away due to heavy currents but he managed to hold on to a rock. Meanwhile, residents have urged the Hassan administration to take precauti-onary measures by deploying security personnel. **ENS**

Labourer injured while dodging elephant

MADIKERI: A daily-wage worker was injured while dodging a wild elephant in Kodagu district. The incident was reported on Saturday at Kannangala village of South Kodagu. Vinod (36), a labourer residing in the village, is the injured. On Saturday night, Vinod was walking towards his house when an elephant tried to attack him. Chased by the tusker, Vinod cried for help. However, he slipped and fell off the road. He has suffered injuries to his hands and legs. Meanwhile, pedestrians, who saw Vinod lying by the road, shifted him to Ammathi Hospital, where he is currently being treated. **ENS**

Woman stabs boyfriend for avoiding her, arrested

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A 38-year-old woman, who stabbed her lover for avoiding her, has been arrested by the Vivekangar police. The accused has been identified as Junti Das while the victim Jogesh Pegu (35) is undergoing treatment at a hospital. Both hail from Assam.

The police said Junti had left her husband and was living with her 17-year-old daughter and working at a daycare centre. She came in contact with Jogesh, who worked in a private firm, about two years ago and they were in a relationship. However, Jogesh was reportedly avoiding Junti and not answering her phone calls. He had also taken some money from her, it is alleged.

"On July 21, Junti went to Jogesh's house in Ejipura where they both had an argument following which she stabbed him in the abdomen and escaped. Jogesh's friend went to his house to find him in a pool of blood and rushed him to a hospital. Junti, who was traced and arrested, said during questioning that Jogesh was avoiding her as he had an affair with another woman and was not returning the money that he had borrowed from her. She has been booked for attempt to murder," the police said.

Habitual offender behind 20 thefts nabbed; gold, silver seized

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CITY police have nabbed a man who had made stealing his full-time profession and was involved in stealing gold since his childhood. The police said that the accused, Rafiq, has been a habitual offender since the age of 10 and was stealing to make money to lead a luxurious life. Rafiq, 29, a native of Tumkur, is involved in 20 theft cases across Bengaluru and other districts. He was out on bail in June and has been arrested again. The police have recovered gold and silver jewellery worth Rs 22 lakh from Rafiq.

On June 18, the owner of a provision store at Prakashnagar lodged a complaint with the Rajajinagar police that his store was broke open and Rs 50,000 cash was stolen. Based on the complaint by him, police nabbed Rafiq. A detailed investigation revealed that Rafiq was involved in 20 theft cases related to different police station limits in Bengaluru like Girinagar, Cubbon Park, KR Puram, Chandra Layout, Amruthahalli, Banashakari and also in Tiptur, Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru and Mandya. The police said that Rafiq was absconding, not attending court proceedings and was caught after he burgled the provision store at Prakashnagar. They said that Rafiq used target locked houses and shops.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that we are investigating the ownership title of Tree Hill Estates Private Limited (**Tree Hill**) (CIN U70102KA2006PTC040656, PAN AACCT5170F), a private limited company registered under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at 3rd Floor, No. 23, 8th Main Road, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru - 560 011 in relation to immovable property morefully detailed in the Schedule below (**Schedule Property**).

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SCHEDULE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our Client intends to purchase the immovable property bearing number **A-32** in third floor of 'A' Block in "BYSANI SKYWAY" built on land situated at Municipal number 14/1, first cross road (also known as Mountain Road), Byrasandra, Jayanagar, Municipal Ward number 62 of Hombegowda Nagara (New Ward number 153 - Jayanagar), Bengaluru and property measuring 49,396.18 square feet, morefully described in Schedule 'A' hereunder (**"Schedule 'A' Property"**), an apartment measuring 1,585 square feet of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one semi covered car parking space with provision for second car parking space through mechanical device in the ground floor or the first floor (**"Schedule 'C' Property"**) and 565.78 square feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership of the Schedule A Property (**"Schedule 'B' Property"**), from its present owners, **Bharathi. C. S and Jayanth Balasubramanyam Lakavalli**, both of whom are residing at Villa 161, 'Prestige Mayberry' Channasandra Main Road, Whitefield Bengaluru 560066 (hereinafter referred to as **"Owners"**). The Schedule B Property and Schedule C Property are herein jointly referred to as **"Schedule Property"**.

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All that Property bearing Municipal No. 14/1, First Cross Road (Also known as Mountain Road), Byrasandra, Jayanagar, Municipal Ward No. 62 of Hombegowda Nagara (New Ward number 153 - Jayanagar), Bengaluru and measuring 49,396.18 square feet and bounded by :

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South : First Cross Road also known as Mountain Road and Private Property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: UNDIVIDED INTEREST

565.78 square feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule A Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: APARTMENT

All that residential apartment bearing number **A-32** in Third Floor of 'A' Block in **"BYSANI SKYWAY"** built in Schedule A Property and apartment measuring 1585 square feet of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with **one semi covered car parking space** with second car parking space through mechanical device in the ground floor or first floor, and the said apartment is bounded by:

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West : Open towards Private Property;
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South : Apartment No. A-33 in third floor of 'A' Block in BYSANI SKYWAY.

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Former Union Minister and BJP MP V Srinivas Prasad has announced his retirement from electoral politics after completion of his current Lok Sabha term from Chamarajanagar. "There has been no black spot in my four-decade-long political career. I never compromised on my ideals for the sake of power. I will hang my boots with self-respect," he said

CLIMATE CHANGE, DELAYED MONSOON AND DEFICIT RAINFALL WORRY FARMERS

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR

THE delayed monsoon in many parts of the state has become a cause for concern, as the expected low yield and inability of farmers to cope with the crisis may lead to imminent farm distress. Expecting the monsoon to arrive in June as usual, farmers launched sowing operations in many districts, but the delayed monsoon eventually put them in a quandary.

However, the monsoon has picked up pace in the past few days, bringing smiles on farmers' faces across most of the state. Agricultural activities are hampered everywhere, and the situation is likely to improve only if the state records a good amount of rainfall over the next few weeks.

Several agricultural experts feel the deficit rainfall in the initial phase of the monsoon has already done its damage, and is likely to affect production of several important crops, including paddy, soyabean, vegetables, jowar, green gram, black gram, coffee, maize etc. Around 60 per cent of sowing has taken place in most of the districts of North Karnataka. Sources said major crops like paddy, coffee and arecanut in the coastal regions of the state are expected to be badly affected due to the poor monsoon this time.

According to data furnished by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC), as of July 22, as many as 16 districts in Karnataka come under deficit rainfall, 13 districts saw normal rainfall and two districts got excess rain from June 1 to July 22 this monsoon.

Ravi Gachchinamani, a farmer from Budihal village of Ron taluk in Gadag, said, "It would have been nice if we got good rain during the second or third week of June, but the delayed monsoon had many of us worried. At least now it is raining, and if it continues for four days, it will be good for us to start sowing."

Farmer M K Suhas Ballal from Moodbidri in Dakshina Kannada said since there was no rain, the transplantation process got delayed. "Due to a late monsoon and shortage of water, pre-transplant activities like raising nurseries, tilling the field and mixing cow manure was also delayed. Fields in elevated areas depend on rainwater while the lower plains do not require much water. Delay in the monsoon will affect harvesting, hence rice production may reduce this year," he said.

However, H Kempe Gowda, joint director of agriculture, Dakshina Kannada, said with the monsoon picking up, agricultural activities have started and transplanting of paddy can be done up to the second week of August. There is no direct impact on paddy cultivation, he added.

JOB ONLY HALF DONE

Last year by this time, 50 per cent of crop sowing was done, but this year, the delay in monsoon and rainfall deficit has led to 40 per cent sowing, said Agriculture Minister N Cheluvaraya Swamy. This could impact certain crops like green gram and black gram. But crops like jowar and ragi have time till August. "We are hoping for better rain in the coming days," he said.

He has instructed officials to be prepared for a drought-like situation. "As per NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) norms, there should be rain deficit for more than 60 days. We have not seen such a situation until now. However, in certain taluks, there could be such a situation. We are having a meeting by the month-end, by which time we will be able to get a clearer picture. We will take a call, but I have already told officials to gear up to face any situation," he said.

BIG PICTURE

Pests and diseases have severely affected arecanut growers in Dakshina Kannada district, and this is aggravated due to climate change, said Dr Vinayaka Hegde, head (crop protection), ICAR- CPCRI, Kasargod. "Dry weather in summer favoured pests. Pentatomid bugs and mites (red and white mite) are considered to be the major problem for arecanut, particularly during the summer months. High temperature and low humidity in summer favoured the mite to multiply faster. It has a short lifecycle and can spread quickly during favourable conditions," he said.

With rain deficit, major reservoirs in the state are not yet filled up. Things were worse a couple of weeks ago, but are improving. The gross capacity of 13 major reservoirs is 865.20 tmcft, but as on date, storage stands at just 300.95 tmcft, while it was 662.71 tmcft during the corresponding period last year.

Deficit rainfall in the initial phase of monsoon may have its impact on crops sown in many parts of the state. Not only would yield of major crops in Mysuru and North Karnataka region be affected due to scanty rainfall, but regular agricultural activities would also be hampered. However, some crops sown in dry areas may not be affected due to delayed rain.

Kuruburu Shanthakumar, noted farmer leader

Sowing may not have crossed 60 per cent due to scanty rainfall so far. We require good rainfall for a crop like paddy, which is a major crop. So far, we have not received enough rain to grow paddy effectively. Overall, there has been a deficit of 70 per cent rainfall so far this monsoon.

Sidagouda Modagi, leader, Bharatiya Krishik Samaj

CLIMATE VARIABILITY AFFECTS CROPPING

Experts say that climate variability is increasing due to climate change, which is affecting cropping pattern, crops and farmers at large. The erratic rainfall occurring year on year and increasing incidents of bucket rainfall indicate climate variability.

Indu K Murthy, sector head, Climate, Environment and Sustainability, at the Centre for Study of Science Technology and Policy, told The New Indian Express that rain has been bad so far. However, it cannot be said that it will continue till the end of the season or even next year. Average monsoon could be normal, however, there could be sporadic rainfall. Distribution of rainfall remains a matter of concern.

Experts also point out that while citizens argue that climate change effect is for urban areas due to change in land use, heat islands and concretisation, the reality is that it has a cumulative effect. Due to this, the onset and spread of monsoon is altered, affecting the sowing and cropping pattern. They also point out that increased use of IP sets will also have an effect in areas where there is assured irrigation.

(Inputs from Ashwini M Sripad, Bosky Khanna, Udaya Kumar BR, Prajna GR, Prakash Samaga, Divya Cutinho, Mallikarjun Hiremath, Raghu Koppar, Ramakrishna Badseshi)

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KALABURAGI: SOWN CROP AFFECTED

The one and half month delay in the monsoon has affected production of green gram and black gram. According to sources, though the target of sowing green gram on 51,500 hectares in Kalaburagi was set in the first week of June, farmers have cultivated only 30,083 hectares (58%). The target of sowing black gram on 24,250 hectares also did not materialise due to late arrival of rain, and farmers cultivated black gram on 17,051 acres of land. In 2022, green gram was cultivated on 45,032 hectares of land (86% of the target) and black gram was cultivated on 24,949 hectares (77%).

GADAG SUFFERS DRY SPELL

Farmers in many parts of Gadag lost their crops repeatedly in the past few years, and again failed to produce kharif crops this time. Many farmers lost their crops last October due to incessant rain, and this time, the kharif crop due to the delayed monsoon. Farmers were worried as the district got less rain in June, and farmers of Naragund have appealed to the government to declare Gadag and surrounding parts as drought-hit, as hundreds of farmers have suffered crop loss.

DHARWAD: A RAY OF HOPE

Several farmers who had already taken up sowing, were worried due to month-long delay in the monsoon. However, the amount of rain received since last week has given a ray of hope for the farmers. According to sources, sowing was taken up on 1.47 lakh hectares, against the expected 2.57 lakh hectares, due to scanty rainfall.

DAKSHINA KANNADA: PADDY CROP HIT

There is concern among paddy farmers of a loss in rice production. This year, the agriculture department has set a target of 9,390 hectares for paddy cultivation in the district, and many farmers are staring at a loss. Mangaluru taluk tops the district among key paddy producing areas in Dakshina Kannada, with 5,700 hectares followed by Belthangady with 1,600 hectares, and Bantwal which grows paddy on 1,510 hectares. Minor paddy cultivating taluks are Puttur with 370 hectares and Sullia with 210 hectares.

KODAGU: COFFEE BEARS BRUNT

Kodagu's farming activities have lost pace in recent times due to changing weather conditions. While coffee got badly affected, paddy cultivation too is impacted. The district has paddy cultivation across 30,000 hectares. While transplantation work was to begin in July, it got delayed due to scanty rain. Of the targeted paddy cultivation across 30,500 hectares, 400 hectares was cultivated as on July 21. Since Somwarpet taluk has recorded sufficient rain, several farmlands have just finished transplantation work. Not a single farmland has recorded paddy transplantation in South Kodagu. However, since Kodagu has been getting rain in the past three days, 7,546 hectares of land has been readied with seedlings awaiting transplantation.

UDUPI: SOWING YET TO TOUCH TARGET

Paddy farmers across Udupi district have a target of 38,000 hectares for this kharif season, however, as on July 20, the sowing and transplantation process was completed only on 25,635 hectares. Seetha M C, joint director, agriculture department, Udupi district, says nursery raising of paddy seedlings and transplantation, which is commonly followed in this region, will stop now because of deficit rain.

HASSAN: SOWING AREA STRETCHES

The sowing area has slightly increased this year in Hassan. Statistics show that farmers have sown different crops across 1,19,671 hectares, against an average area of 2,45,569 hectares in 2023- 24, despite witnessing drought. Last year, it was 1,10,646 hectares, against the target of 2,53,096 hectares. The percentage of sowing this year is 48.73%, while it was 43.72%, despite good rain. Over 35% of standing crops, including maize and potato withered.

Fresh kharif rice will come by Oct-Nov, says ex-FCI chief

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"INSTEAD of rice, we are trying to give ragi in southern parts of the state and jowar in northern areas. We will manage the supplies," Muniyappa said.

Prasad said, "I wonder how they can restore normal rice supplies in September. The fresh kharif rice will come by October-November and only then the state government can stabilise supplies."

Meanwhile, food experts said the price of free rice won't be Rs 34 anymore and it could go up to Rs 42-44 over the next few months, increasing the burden on the state's exchequer.

I was helpless, you show your commitment: HDK to Siddu

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NICE ROW

JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday said he could not take action against the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE) during his tenure as chief minister as he was at the mercy of Congress in the coalition government. His statement comes days after JDS and BJP came together to take on the government over the issue.

Kumaraswamy was reacting to a recent statement by Siddaramaiah, criticising him for not taking action while he was CM. "I admit that I had no guts to conduct a probe against your (Siddaramaiah) own party leaders. But you lead a strong government with a full majority that walks the talk. So why the delay? Take action based on the report of the House Committee (2014-2016) that you appointed. Take a bold step and bring the entire project under the control of the government. Don't kill time with any ready-made excuse," Kuamraswamy said in a series of tweets. "It is not enough to have a majority government but it also needs commitment... isn't it?" he asked Siddaramaiah sarcastically.

"The CM asks what I did for the investigation. The Advocate General, who was with me when I was CM and his legal team had nailed NICE, which had been threatening officials till then," he said. He said contempt petitions filed in various courts were dismissed by the Supreme Court in July 2019 and congratulated the then Advocate General and the legal team for their effort. "The BJP government had also clipped the wings of NICE. Even then (2018) the risk I took was not small," he said. He asked Siddaramaiah to go through the report of the House Committee which was appointed by him and headed by the then Law Minister (TB Jayachandra).

Kumaraswamy alleged that during his 2018 government, Siddaramaiah tortured him to ensure that enough funds were allotted to the Bhagyas. "It is true that I had waived farm loans... it is equally true that you obstructed me so that funds should not be reduced for the Bhagyas," he tweeted.

Hariprasad trying to emerge Ediga leader by attacking Siddu?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

CONGRESS leader BK Hariprasad seems to have created an opportunity for himself and emerged as a leader of the backward Ediga community, to which he belongs, by obliquely attacking CM Siddaramaiah recently. He may also lead an anti-Siddaramaiah camp within Congress by bringing together those who have missed a shot at the chief minister's post, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, and ministerial berths, political observers said.

What has given him the strength to take on Siddaramaiah, who is known to espouse the cause of backward classes through his Ahinda movement, is his close links with the community in the coastal region, where he campaigned extensively during the Assembly elections.

But it is to be seen whether Hariprasad, who is 68 years old, will emerge as a prominent leader of the Ediga community, which does not have leaders of the stature of former chief minister late S Bangarappa or former Lok Sabha member late RL Jalappa anymore. Since his statement against Siddaramaiah, Hariprasad is being backed strongly by community seer Pranavananda Swami, whose influence spans not just Karnataka but across South India as a considerable population of the community stays in Kerala too.

But political pundits said that Hariprasad may not be able to sustain the momentum as he has no history of winning elections. He lost from Gandhi Nagar in Bengaluru in 1983 and he has also not been able to win two Lok Sabha polls, including the one from Bengaluru South in 2019. The five-time RS member switched to state politics recently and became the leader of opposition in the Council. But he has been sidelined by denying him a ministerial berth since Congress came to power. This is an indication that his era is over, a Congress leader commented.

But Hariprasad gave a loaded message when he said, "Wait and watch how things pan out in the days to come".

WAIT OVER

Congress Legislature Party meeting on July 27

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THE Congress party will hold its much awaited Legislature Party meeting on July 27.

Messages on social media say that Congress legislators will take up its success in ensuring guarantees to the people and constituents.

Yet, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president Saleem Ahmed said he would have to first check what the agenda is, and only then would it be possible to say what the party will be discussing during the CLP meeting.

The party had been planning a Congress Legislature Party meeting on July 19, but put it off as former All-India Congress Committee president and former MP Rahul Gandhi was scheduled to participate but could not as he was tied down on that day.

Never sought party ticket, I'm a loyal BJP worker: Tejaswini

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

BJP state vice president Tejaswini Ananth Kumar on Sunday said that her meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi was just a courtesy call. Speaking to reporters here, the BJP leader said that she has never sought party ticket to contest the Lok Sabha elections and was working as a loyal party worker without expecting anything in return.

"One should not work with the aspiration of getting a party ticket. I am just following the footsteps of my husband Ananth Kumar. My meeting with the PM was a casual one. I have not asked for a ticket to contest (2024 Lok Sabha polls)... I will abide by the party's decision," Tejaswini added.

She said the recent Karnataka Assembly elections was the first one after the demise of her husband. On the delay in the BJP appointing the Leader of the Opposition, she said, "An eligible leader will be appointed. Being the party state vice-president, I am ideologically in favour of the BJP and there is no question of joining the Congress," she added.

Earlier, an all-women play titled 'Kurukshetra' was staged in Mysuru which was inaugurated by Tejaswini .

NIA on Sunday conducted searches in at least eight districts of the state in connection with the murder of a PMK functionary at Thirubuvanam in Thanjavur in 2019 after he allegedly voiced out against forced conversion attempts

AFTER SCARCITY, A DELUGE

Heavy rain lashed several parts of Karnataka bringing life to a standstill. While it is helping in filling up dams, damage to property, crop was reported

Rain batters Malnad, Tunga level up

DAVANGERE: Heavy rains lashing the Malnad region has led to the rise in the water level in Tungabhadra river which is the lifeline of Davangere district. The Bhadra dam has also received 12,169 cusecs of water on Sunday morning taking the water level to 145 feet. The outflow was 167 cusecs out of which 100 cusecs was through the sluice gates. At Harihar, the water level in the river was flowing near maximum level.

Schools in Belagavi closed

BELAGAVI: Belagavi Dy Commissioner Nitesh Patil announced holiday to the schools in Khanapur, Kittur and Belagavi taluks on Monday in the backdrop of heavy downpour on Sunday. It has been raining incessantly for the past one week in these taluks. In a view of the children's safety, DC Nitesh Patil announced the holiday to all primary and high schools in these taluks. The Malaprabha river is flowing at dangerous levels. The Hemmada-Khanapur bridge was submerged in the water. Pastolli, Gastoli, Jamgaon, Hemmadaga,Shiroli, Nersa, and other hamlets situated in isolated areas have lost connectivity to Khanapur.

Heavy rain in Cauvery catchment

MADIKERI: Heavy rainfall is being recorded across catchment areas of River Cauvery in Kodagu. Several damages have been reported across the district following rainfall with strong winds. The crest gates of Harangi Reservoir have been opened to let out over 20,000 cusecs of water to rivers even as residents staying in low-lying areas have been cautioned to shift to safer places. The district administration has declared a holiday on Monday for schools and colleges. Bhagamandala in Madikeri taluk recorded 238mm rainfall in the last 24 hours.

Areca farms, houses damaged in Udupi

UDUPI: Heavy rains lashed Udupi district on Sunday. Karkala received bountiful rains resulting in overflow of water in the Mundli dam. Rain that started in the morning continued with high intensity till evening and took a break later for few hours. Sita river in Hebri taluk has swollen, indicating bountiful rain in the catchment areas of the Western Ghat. Several paddy fields in Kabbinale were submerged in the floods on Sunday. Water from Sita river overflowed into the NH 169 near Nadpalu disrupting traffic for a brief period. Paddy fields were also submerged in Batradi area near Hebri and Kadari, Maala village, Karkala taluk. Areca plantation areas were submerged in Mundli, Karkala.

Low-lying areas flooded in M'luru

MANGALURU: Heavy rains that continued to lash across Dakshina Kannada on Sunday disrupted normal life in the district with several low-lying areas witnessing floods and trees and electric poles being uprooted. In Mangaluru, a huge tree uprooted near Ladyhill Circle on Saturday night and a structure near a plywood factory at Morgans Gate collapsed amid heavy rain. The fallen tree was cleared by the fire and police personnel and no casualities were reported in both the incidents. So far, 6 rain related deaths have been registered in the district and in the last 24 hours, 6 houses have been severely damaged while 31 houses suffered partial damage. The India Meteorological department has warned fishermen not to venture into the sea as squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-45kmph gusting to 55kmph is likely to prevail along and off the coast till July 27. According to IMD prediction, heavy to very heavy rain(115.6mm to 204.4mm) is likely to occur.

Inflows to Kabini, KRS dams increase

MYSURU: The water level at the Kabini reservoir rose to 54.85 feet as against the maximum capacity of 65 feet with an inflow of 17,412 cusecs and an outflow of 2,500 cusecs. The inflow would further swell as the catchment area in the Kerala region is receiving heavy rainfall. Meanwhile, boating at DB Kuppe has come to a halt as a precautionary measure. Similarly, the water level at the KRS reservoir, a lifeline for Bengaluru and Mysuru region, was pegged at 91.24 feet as against the maximum of 124.8 feet. The inflow in the reservoir was 9,514 cusecs while the outflow was 52,491 cusecs on Sunday.

Avinash Reddy alleges CBI probe biased, seeks review

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

IN a fresh development, Kadapa YSRC MP Avinash Reddy raised concerns over the CBI investigation into former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case.

In a letter addressed to CBI director Praveen Sood on Saturday, Avinash expressed doubts about the manner in which the probe was conducted by CBI SP Ram Singh and sought a review of the probe in light of the third chargesheet filed by the CBI. The letter comes in the wake of the recent testimony of YS Sharmila to the CBI, where she had hinted at political motive behind her uncle's murder.

The YSRC MP lodged a complaint against the former investigation officer, alleging the latter had conducted a biased inquiry. In his letter, Avinash Reddy, an accused in the case, alleged that Ram Singh began the probe even before taking charge of the investigating officer.

He alleged that the witnesses in the case were threatened and YS Vivekananda Reddy's PA Krishna Reddy was even tortured in order to implicate him, his father Bhaskar Reddy and Shiva Shankar Reddy. He complained that Ram Singh changed the statements of a few witnesses in the case.

Stating that the CBI SP investigated the case based on contradictory and unreliable statements accused- turned-approver Dastagiri, Avinash questioned why the CBI and Vivekananda Reddy's daughter Sunita didn't object to the anticipatory bail of Dastagiri, who admitted to the crime.

The Kadapa MP raised doubts about Vivekanada Reddy's second marriage, and issues related to land settlement in Bengaluru. He alleged that the murder could have been motivated by an attempt to obtain property documents in the name of the second wife.

45 TN deputy collectors demoted

B ANBUSELVAN @ Chennai

IN an unusual development, the Tamil Nadu government demoted 45 deputy collectors to tahsildars and promoted 110 others through the implementation of the MBC/BC quota in promotions based on a 2018 Supreme Court order. The demoted officers, who have served various roles such as revenue divisional officer, personal assistant to collector, assistant commissioner (Excise), for five to nine years have now been assigned to positions designated for tahsildars, according to an official order dated July 22.

The demoted officers contended that the move contradicts several SC rulings declaring reservation in promotions as illegal. However, on September 11, 2018, the apex court interpreted the elevation from the position of revenue inspector to deputy tahsildhar as a "transfer" rather than a "promotion" as per TN State and Subordinate Services Rules. Consequently, the court ruled that employees from BC/MBC category were eligible for reservation in the recruitment of deputy tahsildhars.

As a result of this ruling, the seniority of officials, who were appointed as deputy tahsildars, between 2004 and 2019 underwent a revision, leading to the categorisation of their current positions.

Drinking water crisis in 514 villages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department has said that 514 villages in 101 taluks are facing a severe drinking water crisis and the department has released Rs 5.14 crore to supply drinking water. Earlier, the department had set aside Rs 1 crore for the same.

According to the RDPR Department, there is rain deficit in parts of Karnataka and there are signs of drinking water problem in many taluks. Therefore, the State Government has taken adequate precautions so that the people and livestock do not face shortage of drinking water. The department has also prepared a contingency plant to tackle the issue. Of the Rs 5.14 crore, Rs 4.21 crore has been set aside to supply water in tankers and Rs 93 lakh to rent private borewells.

As per a report prepared by the officials, water will be supplied in 254 tankers to 514 villages in 366 gram panchayats of 101 taluks. A total of 703 trips of tankers across the state will supply drinking water every day. Also, funds have been released to hire 465 private borewells and supply drinking water to the people. The State Government had formed a Cabinet sub-committee and held two meetings in this regard.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER

(Through KPP portal only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from eligible contractors for the following Works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last Date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
1.	North-1	BWSSB/EE(N-1)/TO/691/2023-24 Date: 19-07-2023, 2nd Call	Rs.14,99,049/- / Rs.44,500/-	31-07-2023 upto 3.00 p.m.	01-08-2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-W), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-09.

2.	EE (WWM-N) -V.V.	BWSSB/EE(WWM-N-V.V)/PB/171/2023-24 Date: 19-07-2023	Rs.21.06 Lakhs / Rs.50,000/-	31-07-2023 upto 5.30 p.m.	02-08-2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N)-V.V.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the signed office during working hours.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) ANNEXURE—VI

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **18.07.2023**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **HDFC Bank Ltd,** for amount mentioned below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from the date of notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Immovable Properties
1	1) Mr. Mallesha C 2) Mr. Harisha C	05-08-2022	Rs.21,93,846.79 + interest +Penal interest +charge+ cost from 02.01.2023	All the piece and parcel of property bearing Sy No 553/2A Measuring 39 X 35 Feet (1-1/4 Guntas), situated at Kasaba Kanakapura Village & Taluk, land measuring 1330 Sq Ft, consisting of residential building measuring 2090 Sq Ft BUA of Ground plus two floors and Bounded on:East by: Mallesha's property West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Private Property .
2	1) Sri Raghavendra Electricals 2) Mr. Charan H L 3) Mrs Chandramathi Lakshminarayana Bhatt 4) Mr. Lakshmi Narayana Bhatt H N	02-03-2022	Rs.18,66,984.9 + interest +Penal interest +charge+ cost from 02.05.2022	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing House List Khatha No 164, Property No 15, out of converted Sy No 26/5, vide Conversation No B DIS ALN SR (S) 113/86-87, dated 31.01.1987. Situated at Konankunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 ft in all measuring 1200 Sq Fts and bounded on the: East by: Property No 1, West by: Road, North by: Private Property, South by: Property No 14.
3	1) Sri Nimbujadevi Trading 2) B S Sathyanarayana 3) B.S. Yogendra	03-05-2023	Rs.27,17,198.63 + interest +Penal interest +charge+ cost from 03.05.2022	All that Piece and Parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha Nos. 176 old BDA site Nos. 176 PID No.55-956-176, Measuring East to West 8.50 meter and North to south 5.20 meter, situated at 4th main, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd stage, EWS House, Bangalore, comprising of a stilt Ground and Two Floors Building Bounded on, East By : Road, West By : Drain, North By : EWS House No.177, South By : EWS House No.177

Place :Bengaluru
Date :18.07.2023

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

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Authorized Officer – MS Preeti Toshniwal | Contact No. - 9694702013.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First Limited,** will be sold on **9th August 2023** (auction date) "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", for recovery of **INR 24,09,402.98/-(Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Nine Thousand Four Hundred Two and Ninety Eight Paise)** as on **14-04-2021** due to the **IDFC First Bank Limited from 1. GUNJAN SRIVASTAV, 2. RITESH RANJAN.** The Reserve Price will be **INR 16,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 1,60,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Of Apartment No. B-305, In Second Floor, Having Super Built Up Area Of 880 Sq.ft. &702 Sq.ft. Of Carpet Area With 816.84 Sq.ft. Of Uds, In The Residential Apartment Complex Known As "pride Horizon", Convereted On The Property Bearing Converted Sy.no. 166/1c, Measuring 2 Acres & 18 Guntas. Situated At Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District And Bounded As: **East : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.169/C, West : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.166/C, North : Road Formed In Sy. No.180/C For Vatika Layout & Sy.no.107, South : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.169/C**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **IDFC First Bank Limited** website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formally known as Capital First Limited)

Date : 24/07/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Mallysetty Tina Sri Sravya W/o Mallysetty Syam Kumar and Sri. Mallysetty Syam Kumar S/o Mallysetty Siva Rama Krishna are intending to purchase the schedule property from its vendors Sri. R.V. Jaipal Reddy S/o R.V. Rami Reddy Aged about 45 years Residing at A409, BEL White Square Apartments, 793, 7th Main Rd, BEL Layout 4th Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560097.

If any other person/s have any legal rights or title or claim or interest or demand of charge over the Schedule property they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s with the undersigned along with related copies of the documents upon which they are relying, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid objection is received as aforesaid by the undersigned within time stipulated above, my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the said owners, no one else have any manner of claim over the Schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 54, Residential house building with RCC roofed, Jungle wood and Granite flooring having super built up area measuring approximately 1100 Square feet, PID No.150200400100504106, Assessment / Khatha No. 4122, Property No.35 situated at MARAGONDANAHALLI Village, R K Layout, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore 560036 measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in total 1200 Square Feet together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

East by : Site No.51, West by : Site No.55, North by : Road, South by : Site No.53

Contact: **SRIKANTHAM .V.R** Advocate No.310, 60 Ft. Road, Talakaveri Layout Amruthahalli, Sahakaranagara post, Bangalore-560092. Mob. 9845104859
E mail: srikanthamvr@gmail.com

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E-Tender Notice No.V/W/TVC/18/2023 Dated 20/07/2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Description	App. Value Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of completion
1.	Sr. Section Engineer/Works/Nagercoil-Maintenance & repair/replacement in respect of masonry, carpentry and plumbing works for one year.	11.91	23800	Twelve Months
2.	Trivandrum-Maintenance, repair /replacement in respect of Masonry and Carpentry works in Sr. Section Engineer/Works/Trivandrum section for a period of One year.	11.32	22600	Twelve Months
3.	Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayankulam - TRR(P) - 33.254 Tkm.	280.62	290300	Ten Months
4.	Quilon Subdivision:- Improvements to staff quarters including drainage and water supply improvements.	155.31	227700	Twelve Months
5.	1) Nagercoil Subdivision:- Improvements to staff quarters including drainage and water supply improvements 2) Provision of Medical Examination Room at HU - Nagercoil.	208.42	254200	Twelve Months
6.	Ernakulam Section:-Periodical cleaning of open well cleaning of OHT, GLRs, sewer lines septic tank etc.	38.94	77900	Twelve Months
7.	Destressing of LWR in Ernakulam sub	52.25	104500	Twelve Months
8.	Improvements to gate lodges and water connections at LCs in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Trichur sub division.	94.16	188300	Twelve Months
9.	Opening and repairs to level crossings in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Trichur sub-division.	57.88	115800	Twelve Months
10.	Mavelikkara P.way section - Clearing of bushes and cleaning of side drains.	47.38	94800	Twelve Months

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No: 1 to 10: 17/06/2023 at 11.00 hrs

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken into account while submitting.

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Demand Notice under Sub Section 2 of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act".)

We, HDFC BANK LTD hereinafter called as "Bank" do here by issue notice as under. Please take notice that you the following had availed a loan details of which have been mentioned hereunder. Towards the said loan you have created security interest in favour of the Bank on the property described hereunder by way of mortgage by depositing title deed. After availing the said loan, contrary to the contractual obligations you have defaulted repayment of the loan amount together with interest and other charges. Hence, your loan account has been categorized as Non Performing Asset.

Therefore, the Bank hereby recall the entire loan and call upon you to pay total amount outstanding in your loan account together with interest and all other charges thereon (details of which have been mentioned hereunder), within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this Notice. Further, You are hereby put on notice that in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed hereunder.

If you fail to repay the Bank the outstanding amount, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sec 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other or further legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any applicable provisions of law.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/ Co Borrowers	Description of property (Secured Assets)	A/c No & Amount	Date of NPA	Total Amount /Outstanding Amount
1.	1. **Aarish Gallery,** No.10.Shop No.1 GKL Complex, U G Floor, Ibrahim Saheb Street Opp. Lubbay Masjid Bangalore, Karnataka-560001 2. **Shabana Banu,** No.2, Flat No.1003 Sree Maruthi Residency, 4th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560032 3. **Syed Taz Pasha Pasha,** No.2,Flat No.1003 Sree Maruthi Residency 4th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560032 4. **Noor Fathima,** No.2,Flat No.1003 Sree Maruthi Residency,4th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560032 5. **Taiba Sultana.S,** No.2, Flat No.1003 Sree Maruthi Residency, 4th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka-560032	All that Piece and Parcel of the Property resdiential property bearing unit No.3, Bearing khata Nos. 10/3 PID No.79-3-10/3 mesuring 1000 square feet of super buildup area basement Floor of theBuilding in the Project Knownas"HALMARK GKL"construction No.10(Earlier bearing No.10,Ebrahim saheb Street.Bangaloreand No.12/2, L No.2nd Street)situated at Ebrahim Saheb Street, Corporation Ward No.79, Bangalore and bounded on, East By : Private Property Premises No.12/1 and common passage, West By : Private Property, North By : "L" No.2nd Street, South By : Ebrahim saheb Street	A/c no: **83736648** ₹62,73,000/- A/c no: **8207756** ₹11,91,681/-	**08.05.2023**	₹6548219.23 as on 30.05.2023
2.	1. **Red Shore International Private Limited**, No.63, Red Shore Plaza, Chiranjeevi Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bagalore-560024 2. **Rasak L V**, S/o VKC Mammu, Flat No.701,Ebony, 7th Floor, Goddrej Woodsman Estate, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024 **Also At:** No.63,Red Shore Plaza,Chiranjeevi Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bagalore-560024 3. **Sabilrasak Madapurayil Abdul Sathar,** S/o Madapurayil Abdul Sathar, Flat No.701, Ebony, 7th Floor, Goddrej Woodsman Estate, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024 **Also At:** No.63,Red Shore Plaza, Chiranjeevi Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bagalore-560024	All that Piece and Parcel of resdiential property bearing Sy.Nos. 335/1B,R S No.221/1Pappinissery Village,Ward II of Kannur Taluk,Kannaur District. East By : Property of Mini West By : Property of Hamza &Mud Road North By : Property of Susheela South By : Road	A/c no: 83506665 ₹5,750,000.00	**05.06.2023**	₹57,06,868.35 as on 06.06.2023

Place : Bangalore
Date : 21.07.2023

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

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EDITORIAL

All war is a symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal

John Steinbeck

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— Ramnath Goenka

COMPETITIVE WELFARISM TO TRUMP ECONOMIC PRUDENCE IN POLL SEASON

Battle lines are drawn between the BJP-led NDA and 'INDIA', the latter comprising opposition parties including the Congress, for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP stormed into power in 2014, but now the tide seems to be turning against the party. The new vote bank comprising the beneficiaries of the prime minister's schemes no longer seems to be voting en bloc for the BJP. Prices of essential commodities have increased, and the promise of employment has remained just that. There are disturbances in the northeastern states and on the border with China. The results of the recently held Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh elections have exposed the party's vulnerability. In Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh, the poor beneficiaries of Central welfare schemes voted in large numbers for the opposition Congress. The latter's five guarantees for Karnataka's poor helped it beat the combined might of Modi's magic and the time-tested Hindutva plank. In Himachal Pradesh, the Congress' promise of bringing back the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and restoring full-time army recruitment, as opposed to the temporary Agniveer scheme, resonated more with the electorate.

The new allies of Congress are now insistent on making a nationwide caste census their key electoral plank for 2024. There has been a long-standing demand for re-enumerating backward classes and giving them their due in terms of reservation in government jobs and educational institutions. The BJP has been on the back foot on this issue. The Union government has refused to make public the data of the Socio-Economic Caste Survey 2011. The opposition feels the issue of empowering backward castes can help it turn the tables on the ruling party. It is also likely to arm itself by pushing for higher procurement prices for paddy and other crops, strengthening the rights of tribals over *jal*, *jungle* and *zameen*, reverting to OPS and scrapping Agniveer, apart from introducing a slew of other welfare schemes for the poor.

For the BJP, the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya would be one ace. The upcoming G20 summit will also be an occasion for the party to underscore India's growing clout in the comity of nations under the leadership of the PM. With the two sides ready to shower benefits to win elections, economics will play second fiddle to politics in the coming days.

BARBENHEIMER ESCAPES BRUNT OF H'WOOD HALT

Days before the release of *Oppenheimer*, filmmaker Christopher Nolan made it clear that he would not work on another film till the historic, ongoing double strike of Hollywood writers and actors ended. The stars of his twelfth directorial left the July 13 London premiere midway as a sign of protest. The biopic may still bring home $80 million in the first three days of its release, as per film journal *Deadline*. Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* is doing even better, set to clock in $150 million in three days. While Gerwig's partner and co-creator, Noah Baumbach, skipped the film premiere, Gerwig supported the strike: "Nothing in Hollywood happens without writers."

One of the biggest summer weekends in Hollywood, dubbed "Barbenheimer", has come just as the actors—members of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA)—voted to join Writers Guild of America in fighting the studios and streamers represented by Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers. The dispute concerns the demand for fair contracts and payments, an equitable share of profits, improved work conditions, and opposition to the spectre of AI replacing human talent.

While the two blockbusters have escaped the strike's effects, uncertainty looms large for forthcoming films. It's not just about actors joining the picket lines and refusing to work for companies like Disney and Netflix, but also the guild guidelines which deny their participation in film promotions in any manner, be it attending red-carpet premieres, giving interviews across media, or publishing social media posts. How will it affect the fate of *The Haunted Mansion*, slated for a July 28 release, or Martin Scorsese's *Killers of the Flower Moon*, and Denis Villeneuve's *Dune Part II* in October and November, respectively? How will the big fall fests—Telluride, Venice, and Toronto—get impacted?

Also, Deepika Padukone, a member of the SAG-AFTRA, won't be participating in the launch of the upcoming *Project K* at the San Diego Comic-Con in the USA. The Hollywood calendar is set to turn upside down, with film shoots and production work on hold and release dates likely to get shuffled. But it's a small price to pay for the larger good of the filmmaking community. As Nolan told *BBC*: "This is about jobbing actors; this is about staff writers on television programmes trying to raise a family, trying to keep food on the table." Where does Hollywood go from here?

QUICK TAKE

THE COST OF ACCOUNTABILITY

The Centre amends rules to withhold retirement benefits of All India Services officers convicted of a crime without awaiting reference from the state governments. It claims states don't send or delay references. The Centre must avoid actions that can be construed as attempts to centralise powers. They already spar on critical issues like central deputation of AIS officers and the states' consent to CBI probes. Such actions tend to add to the current lows of Centre-state ties as friction between the ruling parties at both ends strains administrative relationships, politicising the bureaucracy. Bureaucratic accountability is necessary, but without impacting the principle of cooperative federalism.

It is no wonder that a regime with a divisive agenda and an eye on electoral success rather than the overall welfare of the public conveniently chose Article 44

DECONSTRUCTING THE UNIFORM CIVIL CODE AGENDA

KALEESWARAM RAJ

Lawyer, Supreme Court of India

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The ruling dispensation's strategy to project the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) as an electoral topic can very well boomerang on it. There is a gradual realisation of this fact. Several leaders of the ruling coalition have been sceptical and critical about the proposal.

Be that as it may, the Centre should take the blame for the present controversy over a law which is yet to take shape. The move of the present Law Commission to re-examine the issue afresh—despite a relatively recent report by the previous Commission—showed the agenda of the Centre. The think tank of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) might have initially thought that the UCC debate would help them gain electoral mileage ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. But, as of now, no enlightened discourse on the topic conceives the issue as one concerning the Muslim community alone. No one engaging seriously with the subject takes it as a topic for Hindu-Muslim divide. The Centre has started to understand the folly of the game plan, which is evident from the home minister's reported assurance to exclude certain tribes in the Northeast from the preview of the "new law".

The intention of the Centre in this new legislative attempt has been clearly questionable, despite its incorporation in the BJP's election manifesto years ago. The text of the proposed law is invisible, yet its context is clearly visible. The conventional constitutional theory that the legislature cannot have any motive and no legislation will be vitiated by malice is no longer true, at least in the Indian situation. A striking example is the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act which criminalised the instant triple talaq, though it is void even otherwise, owing to the Supreme Court judgment in *Shayara Bano vs. Union of India* (2017).

Thus, a legally non-existing mode of divorce was criminalised in a sectarian way, i.e., among one community alone, while leaving out all other communities. Various anti-conversion laws in BJP-ruled states, under the pretext of a fictitious theory of "love jihad" tell the same story. The point is clear: The legislation can reflect majoritarian impulses with clear political and electoral agendas. The proposed UCC, if it comes into being, also can follow suit. There is a good possibility that the Centre will target the most prominent minority in India under the label of the UCC.

Dr B R Ambedkar was quite aware of the hurdles on the way if India adopted the UCC. So, he suggested an optional UCC, that too only as a future possibility. An optional UCC is no longer a UCC. Likewise, a UCC which excludes certain tribes and the Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) is no longer a UCC. It could be, at worst, a targeted legislation in the guise of the UCC.

The UCC, of course, is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy It is embodied in Article 44. If the Union is genuinely fascinated by such stipulations in Part IV of the Constitution, there are several other principles under the same Part which are more tempting and beneficial to the public, to achieve the goal of egalitarianism. They might not be divisive or even controversial. Endeavours for a social order which minimises inequalities in income, status and opportunities (Article 38), for equal justice (Article 39A), for just and humane conditions of work (Article 42), for ensuring participation in management of industries (Article 43A), for promotion of educational and economic interest of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections (Article 46), for upliftment of life standard (Article 47) are all constitutional aspirations reflected in the Directive Principles.

Apparently, all these require a great amount of administrative initiative and democratic commitment. No wonder that a regime with a divisive agenda and an eye on electoral success rather than the overall welfare of the public conveniently chose Article 44, disregarding almost all other articles under Part IV. This selective approach must be exposed.

The 21st Law Commission report which presented its consultation paper in 2018 said it all. Even while concluding that the UCC is neither necessary nor desirable at present, the report highlighted many instances of fundamental rights violations and gender inequality among certain communities. These are, no doubt, serious issues that could be judicially resolved as it happened in the seminal judgment in *Mary Roy v. State of Kerala* (1986) that mandated equal rights of inheritance for Christian women in certain parts of Kerala.

As regarding the Muslim community, the Supreme Court is seized of a case in which a PIL seeks a declaration that "the practice now followed by the Muslims, based on *Shariat*, ... in regard to inheritance of Muslim women, is violative of Articles 14, 15, 19, 21 and 25 of the Constitution of India." The Centre, which is a party to this litigation (*Khuran Sunnath Society and others vs. Union of India*), should have tried to expedite the hearing of this case so as to render justice to the discriminated women folk in the Muslim community. That the Centre did not choose to do so and instead tried to instigate the present controversy on the UCC shows a fragile (and failed) attempt for extraneous advantage.

The obstinacy of a section of Muslim clergy for retention of the unequal and unfair method of inheritance under the personal laws is condemnable. One cannot justify polygamy or exploitation of women or sheer gender inequality based on religious prescriptions. Everything, including religious beliefs and practices, should stand constitutional scrutiny. If they do not pass the test, the court can very well nullify them or even re-cast them. Thus, when the constitutional court scans the personal laws, what the clergy feels is of no consequence.

It is, however, erroneous to think that the popular feelings against the stubbornness of the Muslim orthodoxy can be converted into electoral gains. Almost two thirds of the Constitution of India talks about governance. Any rhetoric on the UCC is insufficient to hush up the Centre's failure in governance, which is now reflected in varied situations ranging from the Odisha train accident to the ethnic violence in Manipur. Thus, the public's response to the UCC should guard against the topic itself, so that it does not distract us from the burning issues facing the nation.

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WHEN A PRINCESS LEFT HER PALACE FOR THE FOREST

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FAITHLINE

We have heard of modern Indian men suddenly going away as *sanyasis*, leaving their families in the lurch because they 'got the call'. But have you heard of a man making it a condition for marriage? And of a woman agreeing to marry him nevertheless? Part of the fascination of old Indian stories is that they seem to cover all kinds of human situations and thus I would like to retell the unusual tale of Kardama and Devahuti and its incredible outcome. Of course, with a divine twist since the story is from a holy book, the *Srimad Bhagavatam*.

It says that back in the old days when Creation was new, there was a princess called Devahuti who fell in love long distance, like in the stories of Nala-Damayanti and Aniruddha-Usha. It makes you think of today's dating apps.

In Devahuti's case, she was told by the wandering sage, Narada Muni, about a tough, handsome, brainy young man called Kardama who lived by the River Sarasvati. She grew so besotted with Kardama that she told her parents that she wanted to marry him. Since he was praised by no less than Narada, they set off to find Kardama. They did, and Devahuti's father made the proposal.

Kardama said that he was deeply honoured but thought of marriage only as a prescribed social duty. He said upfront that after he had children, he would leave to become a *sanyasi* in search of his personal spiritual goals. Was this condition acceptable? It was to lovestruck Devahuti, and seeing her determination, her parents agreed. Kardama next asked if a gently raised princess could adjust to his simple life in the woods. Devahuti promptly assented and so they were married.

Many years passed in service by Devahuti to an increasingly austere Kardama. Her beauty faded, her hair grew limp and her eyes lost their sparkle. But her smile stayed sweet because she was happy being with him. One day, however, Kardama noticed the change in her. He thanked her tenderly for her devotion and asked if she wanted anything. "I would like to have children," said Devahuti with typical directness. Kardama looked at her for a long minute. "Are you sure?" he said gently and Devahuti nodded firmly.

Kardama then asked her to bathe in the river and come back to him. When she emerged from the water, Devahuti found herself restored to her old beauty. A flying chariot awaited her outside their hut. Realising it was all by Kardama's yogic power, Devahuti let herself be swept away on a long, blissful honeymoon. Nine daughters were born to her and her life was full and busy.

One day, Lord Brahma himself came to their door accompanied by nine strong young men. He persuaded Kardama and Devahuti to accept them as sons-in-law. Since they knew very few people and since it was by divine recommendation, they did so, although with a heavy heart at having to part with their children. Once the girls were gone, Devahuti didn't know what to do with herself. She moped about morosely. But a bigger blow was soon to fall.

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"I am going away for good like I said I would," said Kardama one day, "It is time."

"But I am expecting our tenth child! Don't leave me!" panicked Devahuti.

"Our child will be divine, the Lord's blessing on us. I have no fears about you. And now I must go," said Kardama. And he did, just like that.

Devahuti's mother sent her a maid to help. But Devahuti sent her back, lost in mental and emotional desolation. A beautiful boy was born to her, whom she named Kapila. Devahuti watched him grow with sadness since she knew that he too would go away. When Kapila went to gurukul at age eight, Devahuti went almost mad with loss. She kept herself busy with endless chores but the pain did not lessen.

When Kapila came back, Devahuti rushed about with the old spring in her step. But the dread of losing Kapila, too, for good, made her talk to him one day. "My dear son, you have studied Brahma Vidya, so help me now," she said squarely. "I have always been clear in my choices. But my attachment to you all is a thorn in my heart. Neither prayer nor work has helped me. I cannot survive alone in the forest like your father. I need to be at peace here, at home. How may I do that?"

"Mother, I noticed that you keep busy all day long," said Kapila. "You are tireless in body but your soul is crushed."

"Of what use is my life without my husband and children?" asked Devahuti sadly.

"Mother, it's not like that! You chose your life, you have been happy. Nothing lasts forever. It's life."

"Cold comfort, son," said Devahuti.

"Mother, it is the mind that causes bondage and freedom. Experience is made of three *gunas* or qualities—peace, involvement and negativity. When their balance is destroyed, emotions take over and cause misery. So far, the surest way out known to man is through *bhakti*."

"It has not helped me," said Devahuti baldly.

"It needs practice, Mother. We are basically afraid of Time, which gives and takes away from human life. But when we realise that God is Time, it gives us perspective. Gains and losses are inevitable but mean less and less when we make God our true and constant friend."

Kapila, too, went away soon after. His teaching became known as Samkhya philosophy that endures to this day. Devahuti struggled to come to terms with it. She thought often of God, was gentle to all and practiced charity. Bit by bit, as Kapila promised, she reached a stage of mental calm. She felt a peace that seemed better than the agitation of love and nowhere as chaotic as the torment of loss. When her time came, Devahuti went quietly into the light, her mind as limpid as the waters of the holy Sarasvati.

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Manipur mayhem

Ref: *Rapacious Rajneeti causes Manipur mayhem* (July 23) by Prabhu Chawla. It is indeed a shame that both the Central and state governments have miserably failed to control the atrocities in Manipur. Even though I am not in favour of disruptions in Parliament, I strongly feel the opposition parties are justified in demanding the ruling party's response. The need of the hour is to award the rapists capital punishment.
TKP Rao, Chennai

Vijayan's statements

Apropos of *Deliberate hunting of Christians in Manipur: Pinarayi* (July 23). CM Pinarayi Vijayan is giving it a communal colour, which amounts to fake news. This may create tensions among the Christian community in India. Similar incidents have taken place in other states but the Kerala CM is silent. His statement has been made to consolidate the Christian vote bank in Kerala. Such an irresponsible message does not befit a CM.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Punish agitators

Ref: *Railways a constant 'soft target' for agitators, loses ₹1,360 crore in four years* (July 23). It is a pity that the Railways has become a soft target of vandalism by agitators. It is time that some modicum of control is thought of and the agitators are punished to prevent future incidents.
H R Bapu Satyanarayana, Mysuru

Targeting trains

In any agitation, people hurl stones at trains. Of late, incidents of stone-pelting at the Vande Bharat trains have increased. Not taking action against such perpetrators increases such incidents.
Durga Prasad Chirala, Vijayawada

T M Krishna's views

Ref: *SEP must challenge NEP, but we can't ignore it* (July 23). Social reform movements in TN have no doubt brought about economic and educational renaissance. But one cannot expect social transformations overnight. One may disagree with T M Krishna on other counts, but his herculean efforts to popularise Carnatic music among socially underprivileged sections is worthy of accolades.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

NDA's revival

In *What NDA's sudden 'revival' means for BJP in 2024* (July 22), Radhika Ramaseshan correctly assesses the BJP's present status. The Maharashtra episode illustrates the opposition's metaphor of BJP as a washing machine which can remove all the stains of corruption. NDA's sudden revival shows BJP is not confident to single-handedly retain power.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
The closure of AIR FM stations Radio Ananthapuri & Radio Rainbow seem to part of a pattern to destroy the most popular shows, throw staff out of work & downsize Akashvani.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
For the first time in decades, there won't be any Muslim officers in Intelligence Bureau's senior leadership. It is a reflection of the suspicion with which BJP sees Muslims.

Biplab Kumar Deb @BjpBiplab
To promote linguistic diversity, cultural understanding and academic success among students, CBSE has decided to provide education in Indian mother tongue in all schools.

'India can easily be $5 tn economy in 6 years'

First Niti Aayog vice-chairman Arvind Panagariya takes questions on economic issues in the 7th edition of Delhi Dialogue

Shahid Faridi: What made you choose the professorship of a US university over working in India?
Arvind Panagariya: Personal life at times comes in conflict with professional lives. When I came in 2015, I was asked for how many years I would work in India. My answer was Chaar saal ke liye gya tha PhD krne aur 40 saal ke baad lauta hu. In the meantime I got married, have two children. So, the personal life in some ways decides the course of your life.

Shahid Faridi: There was this strong buzz in 2017 that after Raghuram Rajan's departure, you may succeed him as the RBI Governor...
Arvind Panagariya: What happened was that because the press put out this story, that at one point, I myself actually got concerned. So, I asked someone from the PMO if something of the sort was being discussed because I was not suited for that job. The PMO made it clear that no such discussion was happening.

Dipak Mondal: Do you think that Niti Aayog has been able to achieve the goal?
Arvind Panagariya: I will not comment on anything (that happened) after me. If you want to speak about my time (as Niti Aayog V-C), I'd say so much was got done. I was there for two years and seven or eight months. First and foremost, this was a very large institution and a reorganisation was required. But the reorganization was a lot more than downsizing the capacity. We began with reducing 500 employees. Then, I was very keen on lateral entry. So, when the reorganisation plan got done, at my insistence, a provision was made for 1/3rd of the staff will come from lateral entrance. However, the way bureaucracy operates, it ultimately didn't happen during my time.

Dipak Mondal: Was there any conflict with the ministries?
Arvind Panagariya: I should share my experience about the bullet train project. This was not moving at all and the regular ministry was dragging its feet. The Prime Ministers had agreed to form this committee. The committee's three-four senior secretaries were on one side, and I was on the other. They couldn't convince me and, in the end, I managed to convince them!

Monika Yadav: One of the things is slow private investment. Could we discuss this little more?
Arvind Panagariya: This is a fiction that's going around that companies are not investing. This is what I was complaining, sometimes the narratives were built up. The total investment to GDP ratio is 34%. What is the government part of it? It is about 6% -- both combining the states and Centre. We think that the government invests a lot; actually it's doesn't. The Centre's investment rose to about 3% of the GDP. The rest is all private.

Monika Yadav: If private investment is more than 25%, why is job creation a problem?
Arvind Panagariya: What we suffer is under-employment, a job that can be done by one person is being done by four. And why under-employment is bad is because where the capital is sitting, there are not many workers and where workers are sitting, there is not much capital.

Rakesh Kumar: The government has been pushing the PLI scheme in almost all sectors of manufacturing. Do you think it is the right strategy and it will help us increase the contribution of manufacturing to 20% of the GDP (from 14% now)?
Arvind Panagariya: Through a scheme like PLI, we can build a particular sector, for instance, in mobile industry. It is a good example of what you can achieve through import substitution and PLI. The real challenge, though, is not necessarily building a particular sector; the real challenge is building the manufacturing sector.

Amit Mukherjee: Do you think the two sectors – rural and private — are good enough to take the growth beyond 7%?
Arvind Panagariya: My thinking is that something needs to be done to policy. I have already mentioned that we need to open up the economy a bit more. There is this whole talk about 'China Plus One.' The 'plus one' is going to be a diversified set of countries -- Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Bangladesh. But India has to be one of them. India has a lot of advantage over other countries.

Dipak Mondal: India is entering into many bilateral trade agreements. What do you think is a better strategy – to do bilateral agreement or to go for multilateral agreements?
Arvind Panagariya: If you ask me, I wouldn't worry whether it is bilateral or multilateral. We have not done many (trade agreements) yet. I would like to see many. Only Australia and the UAE have been done, but the UK has not been done yet. It should have been done a year ago.

Dipak Mondal: There is a lot of debate over the poverty level in India. What is the poverty level of the country?
Arvind Panagariya: All these problems are arising because the measurements in surveys are not uniform.

You can get per capita expenditure from two sources -- the consumer expenditure surveys, as well as the national accounts. And so, that has stabilized around 50%. In PLFS, it is only 30%. So even if the actual real expenditure is higher, you are capturing only 30%. So, obviously the poverty rate that you are going to calculate for the same poverty line is going to look higher than it ought to be.

Rakesh Kumar: India has been trying to push the rupee trade with some countries. What are the challenges in making rupee trade popular?
Arvind Panagariya: See, the problem is that the rupee is not a convertible currency. The only way to do is that over a period of 5-7 years, some trade becomes balanced. But if it is not going to balance, and the accumulation of (one currency) is happening on the way, then whoever is accumulating will be happy with it.

Rajesh Kumar Thakur: Will we become a $5 trillion-dollar economy by 2029?
Arvind Panagariya: Yes, easily. It could happen in 2028. It is already $3.4 trillion. By the way, in nominal dollars, if I take from 2003-04 to 2022-23, in nominal dollars we have grown at 10%. People don't realise it. And even if you allow 2% US inflation, we have grown at 8% in real dollar terms.

POWER GAMES

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Courting Controversy

ROHAN FACES GRAVE CHARGES IN BITTERLY SPLIT DDCA

Delhi and District Cricket Association president Rohan Jaitley, son of former Union minister Arun Jaitley, is facing serious allegations of sexual abuse and financial impropriety. A complaint was first filed against him on February 22 this year by a woman known to him. In this complaint to top officials of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the complainant details how the DDCA chief misused his official position to seek sexual and financial favours. A second complaint has now surfaced. A model from Mumbai has levelled grave allegations of sexual abuse against him. This complaint was made to the BCCI's POSH Committee (Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment) on July 19 this year. Neither of the complainants has, however, approached the police so far. Besides these complaints of sexual abuse, the DDCA chief has also been accused of financial misconduct. Former Additional Solicitor General Vikas Singh, who has been the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association for two terms, has shot off a mail to Rohan Jaitley accusing him of trying to "cleverly restrict competition and to push in some favoured architect firm through whom major work can be easily allotted..." in the "major contractual jobs in DDCA before the World Cup matches to be held in Delhi this year". Sources close to Jaitley have rubbished the allegations as "falsehood" being spread by DDCA members who were resoundingly defeated in the cricket body elections. They pointed out that none of the complainants has taken a legal recourse. They said this is because there is not an iota of truth in these charges. The DDCA is a bitterly divided body with celebrity cricketers and top politicians fighting for control. Expect more fireworks as Delhi prepares for the ICC Cricket World Cup this October-November.

Game On

AJIT, PRAFUL HOPEFUL OF WINNING OVER SHARAD PAWAR

The story of a split in the Pawar family and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is far from over. While the breakaway group headed by Ajit Pawar and Praful Patel is engaged in discussions with the BJP leadership about the future course of action, which includes the fate of chief minister Eknath Shinde, sources said Ajit and Praful are still trying to persuade Sharad Pawar to switch from Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi to National Democratic Alliance. The two leaders have met their mentor at least twice after splitting the NCP. According to sources, they have conveyed to the Maratha strongman the BJP's offer of inducting him in the Union Cabinet with a heavy-weight portfolio, besides allocating a respectable number of seats in the Lok Sabha and assembly elections. Surveys have revealed that the NCP splinter group has been able to cause only a minor dent in the party's votes. According to surveys conducted after the split, most NCP voters are still with the senior Pawar. The BJP is, therefore, keen on having Sharad Pawar on its side in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Sources said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conceded to the NCP breakaway group's ministerial demands but has yet to make his best offer to the senior Pawar. The game is still on in Maharashtra.

'Disruptions' being weaponised to taint democracy, says V-P

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

VICE-PRESIDENT of India and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday expressed serious concerns over the "weaponising of disruptions" in the "temple of democracy". He said that constant disruptions and unrest are against democratic values.

"There can be no excuse for not allowing the Parliament to function. The absence of the question hour can't be justified," the Vice-President said.

His remarks came in the backdrop of both the Houses of the Parliament facing disruptions in the first two days of the ongoing monsoon session, over several issues including the Manipur violence.

Speaking at the centenary year convocation ceremony of Jamia Millia Islamia, Dhankar further said, "When there is a disruption in the Parliament on a particular day, there cannot be a question hour. The question hour is a mechanism to generate accountability and transparency in governance. Not having the question hour can never be rationalised when we think in terms of democratic values and good governance." He added that the government is bound to answer every question as it benefits itself too.

> I am pained and anguished to indicate to you that disruption and disturbance have been 'weaponised' as a strategy to taint the temple of democracy
>
> Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India

"Surely, democracy cannot be about disruption and disturbance! I am pained and anguished to indicate to you that disruption and disturbance have been 'weaponised' as a strategy to taint the temple of democracy," he asserted.

He said that the street demonstrations to challenge the Rule of Law are not hallmarks of good governance and democracy. "But turning disagreement into hostility is no less than a curse for democracy," the Vice-President said.

Farm insurance premium up, but claim settlements on steep decline

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AGRICULTURE insurance companies are raking in huge profits as claims paid by these companies have been consistently dipping in the past few years. In 2022, the gross premium-to-claim settlement ratio was reduced to 21 per cent.

The latest data tabled in the Parliament by Union Minister for Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, shows that agriculture insurance premium has been going up while claims payment is down, under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the flagship agriculture insurance programme launched in 2016 for farmers to insure their yield loss.

In 2019-20, the ratio of gross premium-to-claims paid to farmers was 84 per cent, which reduced to 66 per cent in 2020-21, 60 per cent in 2021-22 and 21 per cent in 2022-23. In the first three years of the programme's launch, the gross premium collection to payment of claims was high. It led to many private firms leaving the scheme. Later, most of them joined again.

Every year, farmers protest over non-payment or delayed payment of claims across the country. There has been a slight decrease in the premium collection since 2019-20, but registered a drastic decline in claims payment.

The consistent decline in payment of farmers' claims doesn't augur well with sector experts. "There is a structural flaw in the programme. These insurance companies do business with banks that provide loans to farmers. Banks directly transfer premiums to companies. There is no connection between farmers and insurance companies," said activist Ramandeep Singh Mann, who protests on behalf of farmers.

"The ground reality is that farmers who face crop loss due to inclement weather is clueless about the contact person to report their losses within 72 hours as per rule," said Mann.

The Centre has acknowledged the widespread complaints from farmers against insurance companies.

Moreover, there are disputes between insurance firms and state governments on discrepancies in yield data, delay in providing state government's share of funds, non-deployment of sufficient personnel by insurance companies, etc.

"We are rectifying it," said a senior PMFBY official.

DATA SPEAKS

Year	Gross Premium (in Rs crore)	Claims Paid (in Rs crore)
2016-17	21,949.87	16,826.75
2017-18	24,468.36	22,087.97
2018-19	29,687.75	29,336.91
2019-20	32,362.06	27,372.97
2020-21	31,689.95	20,771.05
2021-22	29,598.43	17,881.43
2022-23	27,900.78	57,60.80

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

Gyanvapi row: Mosque committee moves SC challenging HC order

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Muslim side — Committee of Management, Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, Varanasi — in the Gyanvapi dispute has approached the Supreme Court against Allahabad High Court's order, which dismissed their petition challenging the maintainability of the Hindu side's plea to worship Hindu dieties inside the mosque daily.

Apart from challenging the ruling, the plea has also sought a stay on all the proceedings before district judge in Varanasi.

The plea will be mentioned on Monday before the bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud.

Although according to the apex court's website, the case was tentatively listed for July 28, 2023, a request for urgently listing will be made against the backdrop of Varanasi district court directing the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a detailed scientific survey of the premises, except the sealed 'wazukhana' where a 'shivling'-like structure exists, to determine if the mosque was built over a pre-existing temple.

It has been argued in the plea that the Hindu side, through their suit before the Varanasi court, is seeking entry into the mosque by any means. Against the backdrop of the ASI's order, the Masjid Committee has contended that the district court's recent order is in contempt of the SC ruling of deferring the scientific survey that had to commence from May 22.

The Allahabad High Court's order was passed in the revision plea, which was preferred by the Muslim side, which challenged the district court's ruling that declared the Hindu side's suit as maintainable.

What the courts said

The Allahabad High Court's order was passed in the revision plea, which was preferred by the Muslim side which challenged the district court's ruling that declared the Hindu side's suit as maintainable. The district court also upheld the contention of Hindus that they had been worshipping Maa Shringar Gauri, Lord Hanuman and Lord Ganesh at the disputed site continuously until 1993, when the district administration restricted their entry to a day during Navratra.

No visas, Afghan students enrolled in Indian univs in a fix

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE fate of over 2,500 Afghan students, enrolled in different universities across India, hangs in limbo: not just are their visas not being renewed, they are also being denied online classes, leaving most of them feeling rudderless. While some are exploring admissions elsewhere, many continue to wait for their Indian visas to be renewed.

"I was a student of public administration in a postgraduate degree in India. However, after the fall of the Afghan government on August 15, 2021, and takeover by Taliban, the Indian visas that we had were considered void. We live under fear in Afghanistan as higher education for girls is not a possibility. There is uncertainty. For two years, we have tried for visas, all in vain," said Tayyeba Saleh, who was enrolled in Gujarat Technological University.

Afghan students protest outside Indian embassy in Kabul last year | TWITTER

Many International students studying in India are granted admissions under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). ICCR awards over 3,000 scholarships under 21 different schemes to foreign students from about 180 countries.

Consular services haven't begun in Indian Embassy in Kabul since Taliban government took over two years ago. That's one of the reasons for the non-renewal of visas. Some e-visas have been granted for people with medical emergencies, but few students have managed it.

"I am pursuing a PhD from Mysore University and have a valid visa to continue my studies. I have been representing Afghan students waiting for visas, and have written to the Indian authorities with the optimism that it would be renewed," Onib Dadgar, a member of Afghan Youth Representative to ASIA, told this newspaper.

Dadgar added that many Indian universities have notified the students about cancellation of their courses as they haven't attended offline classes on time.

Afghan students have been requesting India to issue them e-visas, at least to those who had valid study visas before the Taliban took over.

While some students have taken admission in Pakistan, Turkey, Iran and Russia, there is a large segment that wants to return to India. "Some of the ICCR scholarship holders had government jobs in Afghanistan and it is mandated for them to update their progress report on their degrees in India. But now many fear losing their jobs now," Dadgar added.

HISTORY-SHEETER SHOT

An unidentified person allegedly shot and injured a history-sheeter in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Sunday. The incident took place in the limits of Badlapur police station around 10 pm on Friday.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

U'khand situation grim, Himachal tourism in tatters

Debris on highways disrupts operations of Quick Response Team; heavy rains forecast at a few places in upper Himalayan areas

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

NORMAL life remains completely disrupted in Uttarakhand after heavy rains and landslides for the last one week. Rivers are overflowing and highways continues to be inaccessible as debris after landslips are yet to be removed.

As the situation is grim, the education department has issued schools in sensitive areas have been asked to go for online classes. Speaking to this daily, state Education Director Banshidhar Tiwari said, "In view of the current weather conditions, some new guidelines have been issued from the point of view of the safety of school children. Under these, schools have been instructed to opt for online classes in sensitive areas where there is excessive rainfall and until there is complete relief from the rains."

According to information received from the state disaster control room, "Dharasu-band of Uttarkashi district is closed due to debris on Rishikesh-Yamunotri national highway". The Karnaprayag-Gairsain national highway was also closed after the road at Kalimati near Gairsain was washed away.

"The Badrinath National Highway between Nandprayag and Badrinath in Chamoli district was closed at five places due to landslide debris. The national highway between Badrinath and Yamunotri has been closed due to landslides triggered by recent heavy rains", the state disaster control room spokesperson said.

State Disaster Response Force Commandant Manikant Mishra said, "SDRF personnel with rescue equipment are still deployed where the route is blocked by the devastation caused by the cloudburst on Friday and Saturday". "Heavy rains in Uttarkashi wreaked havoc in the Yamuna valley, causing three rivulets in the valley region to overflow", Commandant Mishra said.

According to the information received, "The Quick Response Team has also not been able to reach the spot due to the blocking of stones and debris due to continuous rains. Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls' School in Barkot tehsil was flooded after a cloudburst.

State Meteorological Centre Director Dr Vikram Singh told, "Heavy rains may occur at a few places in Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts, while on the other hand, light to moderate rain may occur at most places in Dehradun, Pauri, Chamoli, Nainital and Bageshwar districts on July 24".

1. Rescue ops in the Beas. 2. SDRF clearing landslides in Uttarakhand. 3. People being rescued in Tehri | PTI

Pregnant woman among pilgrims stranded on Yamunotri road

DEHRADUN: Char Dham Yatra devotees find themselves stranded at various places on the Yamunotri Highway. While many devotees decided to go back to Gangotri Dham from Kharari Badkot, some groups are stuck in the middle due to the closure of roads at various places. District Disaster Management Officer Nandan Singh Rajwar said, "The road near Gangotri National Highway location Sunagar has become smooth, but the Yamunotri Highway is still closed at many places." Due to continuous rain, the process of falling stones from the mountainous area continues. Meanwhile, a pregnant woman from Kharshaligaon village in laour was stranded on the yatra route as Yamunotri Highway was closed.

Himachal tourist hubs destroyed

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IN the first six months of this year, Himachal Pradesh recorded 1.06 crore tourists, which is the highest as compared to last five years. However, tourist footfall witnessed a sharp decline this month due to the heavy rains that led to flash-floods and landslides.

Amit Kashyap, Director, Tourism of Himachal Pradesh, said, "Due to our strategy of revival of tourism post covid, we had the highest tourists foot fall in the first six months of this year. Heavy rains in July led to a decline in the same. State government is aware of the situation and the infrastructure is being geared up."

The hotel industry has demanded waivers in taxes and concessions in order to cope with the beating that the tourism sector is expected to take.

Meanwhile, the bodies of three people who were swept away along with their roadside eatery in a flash flood were recovered from the Pabbar river in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday, police said. Search is on for 11 passengers of a Punjab state bus.

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Former 'bandit king' plans to back Congress

Once counted among most feared dacoits of Chambal ravines and now the septuagenarian husband of a village sarpanch in Guna district, Malkhan Singh Rajput is planning to campaign for Congress in the Vidhan Sabha polls in Gwalior-Chambal region. Nicknamed the "Bandit King of Chambal" in the 1970s and early 1980s before his surrender in 1982, Malkhan, who is equally famous for his signature handlebar moustache was seen in the massive crowd at Congress's Jan Akrosh Maha Rally in Gwalior on July 21. "The massive gathering in Gwalior seemed to be a harbinger of a wave of change and I too am part of that wave," he said.

Over ₹9 crore alloted to 7 departments

Seven key departments reportedly received over `9,400 crore for development work ahead of the year-end assembly polls. The seven departments, include PWD, water resources, Narmada Valley Development (NVD), urban development and housing, panchayat and rural development, tribal affairs department and the department of industrial policy and investment promotion. Over 70% of the released budget — `6,750 crore — has been allotted for three departments, particularly `2,700 crore for PWD to boost development ahead of polls.

IIM-I, Indore cops join hands against trafficking

Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Indore) and the Indore Police have joined forces to draw a detailed action plan on the issue of missing children, child and girl trafficking in state's most populated city — Indore. As part of the MoU signed by IIM-I Director Prof Himanshu Rai and Indore Police Commissioner Makrand Deuskar recently, the researchers from the business school will first figure out reasons behind cases of missing children, human in Indore and then work with the cops to develop an action plan to combat it. The new partnership happened two months after the IIM-I submitted a report to Indore police for strengthening its beat policing.

Chirag dismisses uncle Paras' claim, says family feuds won't affect him

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

CHIRAG Paswan, chief of the LJP (Ram Vilas), asserted on Sunday that his party was not just a part of the NDA; it has also worked out a plan with the BJP for Lok Sabha and assembly elections, due next year and 2025 respectively.

His reaction came a day after his uncle and Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) chief Pashupati Kumar Paras claimed that the LJP (Ram Vilas) was not technically a part of the NDA despite the party attending the alliance's meeting in New Delhi recently.

Paras had also asserted that he and his party were one of the older partners of the NDA.

In his maiden visit to Bihar after joining the NDA, Chirag told media persons that a formal announcement about his party joining the NDA has already been made. He said prior to joining the NDA, he met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief JP Nadda, adding that the two BJP leaders not only respected his party's concerns but also helped him prepare a blueprint for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and thereafter the assembly polls.

To a query on Union minister Paras contesting election from the Hajipur Lok Sabha constituency, Chirag said, "When you are a part of any alliance, everything should be decided within the alliance in accordance with coalition dharma. If the constituents of an alliance create disputes, it is not proper."

He said that he had not made any comment against his uncle for the last two years. "I have no personal or family fight. I am not affected by these issues," he said. He said his party didn't join any other alliance even when it walked out of the NDA before the 2020 assembly election in Bihar.

Cong yet to name LoP in Maharashtra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge is yet to finalise the Congress MLA's name for the post of the leader of the Opposition a week after the monsoon session of the Maharashtra assembly began on July 17.

NCP leader Ajit Pawar, who was the LoP in the Assembly, joined the BJP-led government as deputy chief minister on July 2. Since then the post has been lying vacant.

According to a senior Congress leader, the party is the largest entity in the 288-member Assembly with 45 MLAs. It has decided to lay its claim over the LoP post.

"Maharashtra Congress incharge and Karnataka minister HR Patil has called a meeting of party MLAs to discuss the name for the LoP. Sources said a few names were discussed and that he submitted a report more than two weeks ago. However, the Congress leadership is yet to finalise the name.

The situation has prompted some MLAs, to lobby for the post. "We expected the final decision on the eve of the monsoon session of the Assembly. However, it has been a week since the session began," said a senior Congress leader.

He said once the name is finalized, it will be submitted to the Speaker who would officially accept it and declare the LoP.

Another Congress leader said the party not only expected the LoP post in the assembly, but also in the Upper House of the Assembly. Shiv Sena (UBT) had 10 MLAs so the LoP post was given to Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Ambadas Danave a year ago. But two MLCs of Shiv Sena (UBT) including deputy chairman of the Upper House Neelam Gore and MLC Manisha Kayande left Uddhav Thackeray's Sena and joined the Eknath Shinde group.

Therefore, Shiv Sena's numbers in the Upper House dropped from 10 MLCs to eight. The Congress has nine MLCs. Therefore, Congress is eligible to get the LoP in the Upper House as well.

Congress stood at the fourth position in the numbers game in the Assembly, but due to various political alignments, it is now in a position to be the main Opposition force in the state.

"We can get two LoPs in Upper and Lower Houses of the assembly. The LoP is the key post that can help the party to raise the issues involving farmers and common man on the floor of the House.

The LoP enjoys the status of a cabinet minister. State Congress chief Nana Patole said the party is following it up with the party leaders in Delhi. "Once we get the name, it will be submitted to the Speaker as part of the regular procedure," Patole said. The dilly-dallying by the Congress over the LoP is giving time to the nascent three-way alliance of Ajit Pawar, BJP and the Shiv Sena led by Shinde to consolidate their position by ironing out initial differences.

Eknath Shinde group miffed over fund allocation

Immediately after taking the oath of deputy CM in the BJP-led government, Finance Minister Ajit Pawar tabled the Rs 45,000 crore worth supplementary demands bill. Out of it, Rs 1,500 crore is marked for MLAs' fund, a part of which is also meant for the rebelled NCP MLAs who supported Ajit. Earlier, CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena alleged that Ajit as a finance minister in the MVA government allocated funds to the NCP MLAs only and they were deprived of any allocation. That was the reason for the Sena MLAs to switch sides. The same allegations are now made against Ajit in the Shinde-led government.

BSP MLA running racket in Bhopal jail, says guard

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A jail guard has alleged on camera and written to the legal authorities, about murder accused jailed relatives of Madhya Pradesh's lone BSP MLA **Rambai Thakur**, using undue influence for immoral activities, including entry of drugs, alcohol and even women (prostitutes also) inside the Damoh District Jail premises.

While Rambai Thakur, the first-time BSP MLA from Pathariya seat of Damoh district, has termed the jail guard **Ram Kumar Shakya**'s allegations a part of political conspiracy to defame her months before the assembly polls, the Damoh district jail's deputy superintendent CL Prajapati said the concerned jail guard is making such false allegations as he is miffed with his attachment to the Bhopal Central Jail since over a month now.

In the three page communication sent to the District Legal Services Authority, Damoh District Court, dated July 22, 2023, the jail guard has alleged that at least four members of the jail's security staff, among them, head jail guard Pritam in collusion with under trial prisoner Kaushalendra Singh alias Chandu (BSP MLA's brother-in-law) and Chandu's son Golu (both lodged in the jail in connection with the 2019 murder of Congress leader Devendra Chourasia) are ensuring unrestricted entry of narcotic substances, alcohol and even women (including prostitutes) for inmates in the jail premises.

'Political conspiracy ahead of polls'

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In the three-page communication sent to the legal authorities in Damoh district, the concerned jail guard, has also alleged that to ensure that the unrestricted passage of the banned substances, including narcotic drugs, alcohol, cellphones and even women, never gets caught, most of the CCTV cameras in the jail are either set at black point or even shut down, during the period when women from outside come and leave the jail premises.

"Using the administrative and political influence, the Pathariya MLA's jailed brother-in-law Kaushalendra Singh alias Chandu, actually gets the posting and deployment of jail staff decided inside the Damoh district jail premises. Those staff members, who don't fall in line with Chandu, son Golu and their trusted jail staff's wishes are transferred/attached to other jails," the jail guard wrote.

It has also been mentioned in the three-page communication that if surprise raids are conducted in Wards 2,3 and 4 of the Damoh District Jail, then various banned objects, including cell-phones, narcotic drugs and alcohol and even condoms will be seized.

He also feared about committing suicide due to continued harassment by the alleged nexus between Damoh jail's staff and the BSP MLA's kin lodged inside the jail.

Rajasthan headmaster accused of raping students, making video clips

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

AMIDST the debate over the Ashok Gehlot government regarding women's safety in Rajasthan, another shameful incident has come to the fore in the tribal Dungarpur district where a government school headmaster has been allegedly raping minor girls after showing them clips of pornography.

According to police chargesheet, the accused **Ramesh Chandra Katara** (55) had clips of sexually assaulting the girls on his mobile phone. Nude video clips of exploiting girls have been found in his mobile and have been confirmed by the FSL report. He was caught when parents started complaining that the headmaster was calling the girls in school to his office on Sundays and holidays and rape them.

Informing the media, DSP Rakesh Sharma said that a chargesheet of 1,500 pages has been prepared against the accused. It has about 1,000 pages of mobile phone location details. The headmaster used to go to school from his village even on holidays. This has been confirmed by the location report. Apart from this, statements of innocent girls, medical reports, FSL evidence related to the incident have also been put up by the police.

DSP Rakesh Sharma said-Ramesh Chandra Katara's mobile phone was seized and sent to FSL for investigation. In whose report many objectionable things have been found from the mobile of the accused headmaster. Nude photos of girls have been recovered from mobile in FSL investigation. These photos are of the house of the accused headmaster.

Significantly, this matter came to light in the last week of May when Katara was accused of raping several girls aged 8 to 12 in his own school.

The accused used to take the little girls in the car to his house 10 kilometers away and misbehaved with them there too. He used to lure the girls with chocolates and chips so that they would not tell anyone about the horrors. If the girls did not accept chocolates and chips, he used to threaten them that there is a crocodile in the village pond, if they told anyone about it, he would throw them in the same pond.

Girls lured with food

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Russia strikes Ukraine's Odesa cathedral

Moscow denies attacking Transfiguration Cathedral; blames the damage on fall of a Kyiv guided missile

ODESA

RUSSIA struck the Ukrainian Black Sea city of Odesa on Sunday, keeping up a barrage of attacks that has damaged critical port infrastructure in southern Ukraine in the past week. At least one person was killed and 22 others wounded in the early morning attack, officials said.

Four children were among those wounded in the blasts, which severely damaged 25 landmarks across the city, including the historic Transfiguration Cathedral.

Ukraine's air force reported that Russia had launched 19 missiles in the Odesa region, including five high-precision winged Onyx missiles and four sea-to-shore Kalibr cruise missiles. It said that Ukrainian air defences shot down nine

Russia's Defence Ministry said on Sunday its forces attacked sites in Odesa "where terrorist acts against the Russian Federation were being prepared." In a later statement, the ministry denied that its attacks struck the Transfiguration Cathedral, claiming the destruction of the cathedral was likely due to "the fall of a Ukrainian anti-aircraft guided missile."

Church personnel inspect damages inside the Odesa Transfiguration Cathedral in Odesa, Ukraine following Russian missile attacks on Sunday | AP

After the fires were put out at the Orthodox cathedral, volunteers donned hard hats, shovels and brooms to begin removing rubble, combing through to salvage any artifacts. Local officials said the icon of the patroness of the city was retrieved from under the rubble.

"The destruction is enormous, half of the cathedral is now roofless," said Archdeacon Andrii Palchuk, as workers brought documents and valuables out of the building.

Andrii Palchuk said the damage was caused by a direct hit from a Russian missile that penetrated the building down to the basement. Two persons inside at the time of the strike were wounded. The cathedral belongs to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which has been accused of links to Russia. The church has insisted that it's loyal to Ukraine, has denounced the Russian invasion from the start and even declared its independence from Moscow. *AP*

UK parties jitter over green policies after poll verdict

LONDON

ENVIRONMENTALISTS cautioned UK's main political parties on Sunday not to water down their climate change promises after a special election result widely seen as a thumbs-down from voters to a tax on polluting cars. The Conservatives they managed to win the third contest, for a suburban London district, by focusing on a divisive green levy imposed by London's Labour Party mayor. The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) charges drivers of older gas and diesel vehicles $16 a day to move around the city. Mayor Sadiq Khan plans to extend it next month to the city's less densely populated suburbs.

Labour Party leader Keir Starmer said the mayor should "reflect" on the policy in the wake of the loss in the Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency. "I don't think there is any doubt that ULEZ was the reason that we lost the election in Uxbridge," he said. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned would like to bring the notice to the general public that the below mentioned documents with respect to the Schedule Property owned by **Manish Singhai,** S/o G C Singhai was lost and could not be traced. Accordingly, a police complaint has been filed having Registration No.0625670/2023.

PROPERTY DOCUMENT DETAILS:
1. Absolute Sale Deed, Doc No KRI-1-28740-2003-04 dated 31.03.2004. 2. Khata and Khata Extract in the name of Manish Singhai.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
Flat bearing No.401, third floor, of the building known as "ANNAPOORNA APARTMENTS" measuring built up area of 1600 Sq. Ft constructed with four bed rooms, brick and cement walls, RCC roofed, Mosaic tiles flooring with honne wood doors and steel frame windows, together with proportionate share in common areas in the building, together with one car parking space in the basement floor. The car parking area No.401 with all fittings now standing thereon.
Anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested do hand over the same to the undersigned person within **7 days.** Transaction done by any person other than SRI MANISH SINGHAI, S/o G C Singhai on the Schedule Property is not binding and such person cannot raise any claim thereafter on the Schedule Property.

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TENDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT THROUGH OPEN TENDER FOR ESTABLISHING OF ON-GRID ROOF TOP SOLAR POWER PLANT AT SIX (06) NOS BANK'S OWN BUILDINGS UNDER CO ANNEXE MANGALURU.

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Union Bank of India invites sealed bids for the subject works. For full details and tender please log on to Bank's website **www.unionbankofindia.co.in** & govt. portal **www.eprocure.gov.in. Last date for submission of sealed bids is 3.00 p.m. on 16.08.2023 at Bank's CO Annexe, Mangaluru.**

Date: 21.07.2023 **CHIEF MANAGER**

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 16.08.2023
FORM III-A
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
WRIT PETITION No. 3314/2023 [LB-BMP]
[Notice under Rule 13(a) proviso]
PETITIONER:
1. SMT. SHANTHAMMA, W/o Late H.A. Veerabhadrappa, Aged about 79 years, R/o No.806, 16th Main, 19th Cross, near Devagiri Temple, Banashankari-II Stage, Bengaluru-560070.
By Sri. Balasubrahmanya K.M, Adv.,
Vs
RESPONDENTS:
1. THE COMMISSIONER BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE (BBMP), N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. and 2 Others.
To, Respondent No: 03
3. SMT. SUDHA, W/o H.N. Siddappa, Aged about 61 years, 58/63 Mysore Road, Avalahalli, BDA Park, Avalahalli Village, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560026.
Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the constitution of India, as in the copy annexed hereunto, has been registered by this Court.
Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this case, **on 16.08.2023 at 10.30 A.M.** in the forenoon within 05 days of the service of this notice to show cause why rule nisi should not be issued.
If you fail so to appear on the said date or any subsequent date to which the matter may be posted as directed by the Court, without any further notice, the petition will be dealt will be dealt with, heard and decided on merits in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court on TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.
By order of the Court,
(S.R. JAYASHREE)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SARFAESI DEMAND NOTICE PAPER PUBLICATION FOR UNSERVED NOTICES

A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the secured creditor and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notice were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

1.Name of the Borrower & Co-Borrowers: Mrs.Nirmala Vardaraju, W/o. Mr. Vardaraju C, No. 21, 2nd Cross Rd, S M R Layout, Kereguddadahalli,Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560090 and **Also, at:**No.62, Near Janapriya Apartments, Somashettyhalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore Chikkabanavara Karnataka 560090 and **Also, at:**No.127, 4th Cross Bhadrappa Layout Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore 560092. **2.Mr. Vardaraju C, S/o.Gurumurthy Chinnaraju,** No. 21, 2nd Cross Rd, S M R Layout, Kereguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560090 and **Also, at:**No.62, Near Janapriya Apartments, Somashettyhalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore Chikkabanavara Karnataka-560090 and **Also, at:**No.127, 4th Cross Bhadrappa Layout Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore-560092 and **3. Mrs.Nirmala Vardaraju Proprietor of M/s V V Timber Traders and Wood Packers; Office at:** Site No. 54, 56 , S.No.62, Somashettyhalli, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore 560 090.

2.Loan Account No.KABNBN04337&TNCPCOC000230; Demand Notice dated 19.06.2023, Outstanding dues Rs.4,68,08,316/- (Rupees Four Corers Sixty Eight Lakhs Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen Rupees Only) as on 15th Jan, 2023 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses cost and charges etc

3.Schedule of Property Details:ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Sy.No.62, measuring 9 Guntas situated at Somashettyhalli YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:East by: Property belonging to H.S Suresh; West by:Property belonging to C.Varadaraju; North by:Property in same Survey Number belonging to H.S.Suresh; South by:Land in Sy.No.39; and All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Sy.No.62, measuring 9 Guntas situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:East by: Eastern portion of Sy.No.62 measuring 9 Guntas West by:RoadNorth by:Property in same Survey Number belonging to H.S.Suresh South by:Land in Sy.No.39 and
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Place: Chennai **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,**
Date: :12.07.2023 **For Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited**

EXPRESS READ

Toll in Afghanistan flash floods jumps to 26

Kabul: The death toll from overnight flash floods caused by torrential rain in central Afghanistan has risen to 26, with more than 40 people missing, officials said on Sunday. Shafiullah Rahimi, spokesman for the State Ministry for Disaster Management, said a total of 31 people had been killed nationwide in floods since Friday and extensive damage had been caused to property and farmland.Government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said urgent aid was being rushed to the main disaster zone in the Jalrez district of Maidan Wardak province.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that, my client **Sri.Saravana,** S/o. Panduranga, R/at #29,7/5,3rd Floor,Balaji Nagar,Munivenkatappa Layout,Uttrahalli, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru, - 560061, hereby informed that the original original Sale Deed dated 13-4-2005, Gift Deed dated 22-12-2020 and Conditional Gift Deed dated 23-12-2020 of Assesment No.45/2, Khatha No.136 Now no06, situated at Malathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, DocumentNo.NGB-104631202021,CD.No.NGBD783,BLN-1-02099-2005-06, CD.No.BLND166,MDL-1-02943-2020-21,CD.No.MDLD712 all the three documents is misplaced/lost renovating his house at Subramanyapura, Bengaluru, at that point of time all the three documents is misplaced/lost. In this regard my client has also lodged a police complaint in respect of the lost document online which is registered as lost report No.0653490/2023. If any person/s in possession of the same or found or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing if any within 07 days from the day undersigned :
Harish Kumar.H, Advocate,
#6/1(23), 1st Cross, 4th Main, A. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru 560 079.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Central Workshops :: Golden Rock :: Tiruchirappalli 620 004 :: Extra Division
E-Tender Notice No.: CW/C/192/WC/Supply & Apply of Epoxy flooring dated 20.07.2023
S.No.1: Supply and application of Hi-Build Anti-skid heavy duty food grade epoxy flooring 4-5 mm in door way and gang way areas and 2-3 mm in Lavatory areas for prevention of seepage of water in 50 LHB coaches.
Value: Rs. 42,70,800/-
Bid Security Amount: Rs. 85,400/-
Tender Document Cost: Rs.3,000/-
Tender Closing Date & Time: 11.08.2023 @ 12:00 hours
Complete details and tender documents are available at **www.ireps.gov.in**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI.RISHI K.N.,** S/o late K.G.Narayana, Aged about 49 Years, R/at No. 246, Ground Floor, 9th Main, 43rd Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041 intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property belonging to **1) SMT.PADMAVATHY** D/o Chidambaram, W/o N.P.Jaganathan, Aged about 58 years, R/at, No.28-181, C Cross Road, Ramanagar Colony. Chittoor-517001 and
2) SRI.C.KUMARARAJAN S/o Late M.Chidambaram, Aged about 62 years, R/at Lamshmi Nivas, No.75, 10th Cross, 29th Main, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru-560078 having title to the property concerned as per the documents verified.
Any person or persons asserting any rights, title and claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing No.152/2 (Old No.125/C), PID No.43-1-152/2, (formerly portion of Sy.No.6-8/2), measuring East to West 43 fts on Southern side, East to West 40 fts on Northern Side and North to South 35 fts on Western side, in total measuring to extent of 726 sqfts, situated at Mysore Road, Division No.23, Ward No.43, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru and Bounded on: **East by** : Private property, **West by** : Property belongs to Sri.Venugopal, **North by** : Raja Venkatarama Shetty's Property, **South by** : Mysore Road,
S.Subbaiya, Advocate
No.3/2, 4th Floor, Thimmaiah Towers, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar Bengaluru-09 Phone : 9742175556.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Salem Division (Signal & Telecom Branch)
E-Tender Notice No. SA-SG-120-I-OT-14 & 15-2023 date. 19.07.2023.
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Southern Railway/Salem Division, Salem - 636005 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s)/contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** and only online tenders will be accepted. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost (TDC), in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal).**

Sl. No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Approximate Cost of the Work ₹	Earnest Money Deposit ₹	Period of Completion in months
1.	SA-SG-120-I-OT-14-2023	SALEM DIVISION: S&T works in connection with construction of LUS in lieu of LCs No.18 & 20 of KRR-DG Section.	19,93,122.78	39,900.00	3 Months
2.	SA-SG-120-I-OT-15-2023	SALEM DIVISION: S&T works in connection with construction of LUS in lieu of LCs No.04, 06 & 12 of KRR-DG Section.	46,75,603.49	93,500.00	6 Months

Cost of tender form including GST : Nil
Eligibility criteria for similar single work previously : Applicable
Tender closing date and time: 10/08/2023 at 15.00 Hrs.
NOTE: Details of approximate value of tender, tender form cost, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **"www.ireps.gov.in".** For other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the Tender documents which are available at **"www.ireps.gov.in"**
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Trivandrum (Gati Shakti Unit)
E-Tender Notice No. TVC/GSU/13/2023 Dated 19.07.2023
Chief Project Manager/Gati Shakti/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s)/contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Gati Shakti, Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD ₹	Period of Completion
1.	Upgradation of Guruvayur (GUV) Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Phase I constructions	393.17	346600.00	6 Months
2.	Upgradation of Ettumanur (ETM) Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Phase I constructions	260.34	280200.00	6 Months
3.	Upgradation of Wadakancheri (WKI) Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Phase I constructions	310.15	305100.00	6 Months
4.	Upgradation of Tripunittura (TRTR) Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Phase I constructions	247.96	274000.00	6 Months

Tender Closing date and time: 10/08/2023 at 11 .00 hrs
Details approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in.**
For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that Smt. Drakshayani T.G is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri.Naraimha.R. She is also intending to avail loan from Piramel Capital Housing Finance.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.
SCHEDULE :
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.8, Property No.8, Sy No.10/2, Situated at Srigandadakavalu Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously within the limits of CMC Dasarahalli, presently within the limits of BBMP, Kottigepalya Ward No.73 (old No.32), measuring 40ft x 15ft, in all measuring 600sqft, and bounded on the: East by Property No.17, West by 20 feet road, North by Remaining portion of same property belongs to others, South by Property No.9.
V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010. Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 22.07.2023

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Material Management Department, Electric Loco shed, Erode 638002
E–Tender Notice for the supply of Stores 22/ELSD/ED/Purchase/Advt./12
The Following e–tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in----Login----E Tender----- Goods & Services (New)** and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained.
Closing Time: 14:30 hours.
Tender No : 72235587
Description : Supply and commissioning of EOT crane (Double girder) 5T capacity at ELS/Erode as per ELS/ED specification and drawings attached.
Due date: 18-AUG-23, 14:30
Attention: Micro Small Enterprises (MSEs).The benefits provided to MSEs under public procurement policy for goods and services are as details provided in the link **http://www.ireps.gov.in** IREPS Public document –Southern Railway.
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IN THE COURT OF IIND ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL BANGALORE RURAL AT BENGALURU
G & WC No. 63/2023
BETWEEN: 1. MASTER AKSHAT MISRA S/o Late Sujay Misra, aged about 16 years
2. KUMARI. ZARAH MISRA D/o. Late Sujay Misra, aged about 14 years
Petitioner No. 1 & 2 are Minors, Rep by their mother and Natural Guardian **SMT. SHUBHRA MISRA** W/o. Late. Sujay Misra aged about 51 years, R/at No.A-6, Sterling Villas Grande, Seegehalli, Whitefield, Bangalore 560 066 ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: Nill ... **Respondents**
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the petitioners above named represented by their mother/natural guardian have filed the petition under Section 8 of the Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, praying to permit them to sell the schedule B and C property for the welfare and future prospectus of her minor children. That it is hereby informed to the public in general that any interested person/s claiming/having right over the schedule B and C property may appear before the IInd Addl. Senior Civil Judge Bangalore Rural at Bengaluru on **17.8.2023** at 11.00 A.M through person or through their pleader duly instructed to show cause the notice against the petitioners failing which the matter will be heard and determined exparte.
"SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable converted property bearing Survey No.50 ad measuring 5 acres 0.62 guntas situated in Huskur Village, Bidarahalli hobli, Bangalore east Taluk, duly converted for commercial use vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALNC (VB) SR 388/2004-05 dated 28.6.2006 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the property bounded on the **East by:** park and open spaces within Sy No 50, **West by:** Cart Track, park, and open spaces and then Huskur Village boundary, **North by:** Property bearing Sy No. 51 and **South by:** Bangalore-Chennai (Old Madras road) Highway NH-4
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
(Description of the undivided share of land in the Schedule A Property)
123.87 Sq. meters undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the immovable property (which comes to 1333.32 Sq Ft) mentioned in Schedule "A" above.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY
(Description of the Retail/Office Unit)
All that office premises bearing No.B-0710 in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower B in the building 'SIGNATURE TOWERS' built in Schedule 'A' Property and forming part of development "BRIGADE GOLDEN TRIANGLE" and unit measuring 2350.97 Sq Ft (218.41Sq Mts) of Carpet Area and 1411.48 Sq Ft. (131.13 Sq mts) of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, Lifts, staircase and other areas of common use and totally measuring 3760 Sq Ft (349.54 Sq Mts) of super built up area/saleable area approximately along with right to use FOUR covered/stacked/ mechanical car parking spaces in the Basement/Ground Level/MLCP and the unit is presently bearing E Katha No 150200401601221348 in the records of Mandur Village Panchayath and bounded by **East by:** Common corridor and Unit No B-0709 in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower B in 'SIGNATURE TOWERS', **West by:** Open towards open space in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower B in 'SIGNATURE TOWERS', **North by:** Common corridor and Unit No B-0711 in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower B in 'SIGNATURE TOWERS', **South by:** Unit No B-0709 in Seventh Floor of East Tower/Tower B in "SIGNATURE TOWERS" and Open towards Open space.
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Sr. Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. Dated: 19-07-2023

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Central Workshops :: Golden Rock:: Tiruchirappalli 620 004:: Extra Division
E-Tender Notice No.: CW/C/192/Coach Cleaning/2023-25/OT dated 20.07.2023
S.No.1: Intensive cleaning of Incoming coaches & Thorough cleaning of Outgoing Coaches after POH for the period of 24 Months
Value: Rs. 1,07,80,455/-
Bid Security Amount: Rs.2,03,900/-
Tender Document Cost: Rs.5,000/-
Tender Closing Date & Time: 21.08.2023 @ 12:00 hours
Complete details and tender documents are available at **www.ireps.gov.in**
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Central Workshops :: Golden Rock :: Tiruchirappalli 620 004 :: Extra Division
E-Tender Notice No.: CW/C/192/WC/ Supply & Apply of Anti corrosive coating/2023 dated 20.07.2023
S.No.1: Supply and apply of Anti Corrosive coating on FIAT Bogie components.
Value: Rs.49,56,000/-
Bid Security Amount : Rs. 99,100/-
Tender Document Cost: Rs.3,000/-
Tender Closing Date & Time : 11.08.2023 @ 12:00 hours
Complete details and tender documents are available at **www.ireps.gov.in**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. Jothesh, S/o Gopalappa, Aged about 38 years, Residing at No.20, Bukkasagara Village, Baneraghatta Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560083, the absolute owner of the schedule property. The said Schedule Property was allotted to my client's father Late Gopalappa S/o Jogatappa by Government of Karnataka through Hakku Patra vide dated 14-03-1983. My client's father died on 24.03.2018. On 20.07.2023 my client has lost the above referred original Hakku Patra dated 14-03-1983 at Jigani on the way to his house from the zerox shop and the same is not yet traced, if any person found the above said original Hakku Patra, kindly handover to my client or to his undersigned counsel. In this regard my client has already lodged a complaint through on line before the Jurisdictional Police Station Benglauru on 22.07.2023 vide Lost Report No. 0653539/2023.
SCHEDULE
All the piece and parcel of the Residential Site No.5, situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560083, measuring 30x40 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq.feet and bounded on: East: Site No.4, West: Site No.6, North: Site No.2 and South: Road.
Sunil Ambi, Advocate
Office at No. 35, 1st Floor, Grand Majestic Mall, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009. Mobile: 8722447144
Date : 22.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public that my clients **Mr. G.VENKATANARAYANA REDDY** S/o Late K.V Thippanna, and Mrs. YANAMALA BHAVATHI,W/o Mr. G.VENKATANARAYANA REDDY 5-14, Ammavarupalli, Penukonda Mandal, Gutturu, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh-515164; in interested in purchase of the below mentioned Scheduled A and B property, from Mrs. SASIREKHA SARIBALA W/o Mr.Purushothama Reddy, Neelareddy Palli Village, Korrapadu Post,, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh-515701, Now she is being owner of the Schedule A and B Property. It is also informed and brought to the notice of all that if any interested individual person/company/financial institution/Nationalized Bank/Co-operative Bank/BDA/KAIDB/etc, is having any claim over the Schedule A and B Property, they may contact the below mentioned address/Mobile Number with documents, **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Public Notice, otherwise my client will purchase the Schedule A and B Property and my client is not at all responsible for any claim, that comes after 10 days
SCHEDULE A (LAND)
All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.38, Khata No.1030/29 of Converted Sy No 172, (Converted for residential purpose vide order no ALN. SR(13/2011-12, Dated 07.07.2011, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Hagadur Village, Ward No 84, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now comes under BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE LIMITS) measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sqft, with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the **East by** : Site bearing No.31, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Site bearing No.37, **South by** : Site bearing No.39,
SCHEDULE B (Building)
A building consisting of Ground Floor measuring 945 Sq.Ft., First Floor measuring 945 Sq Ft, Second Floor measuring 945 Sq.Ft. Third Floor measuring 945 Sq Ft., Fourth Floor measuring 945 Sq.Ft.and Fifth Floor 580 Sq.Ft totally measuring 5305 Sq.Ft.
Narendra R.Badiger Advocate
A-002, A-BlockGround Floor, Abhilasha Apartment Balagere Main Road, Varthur, Bangalore-87 Mobile No 9448172938

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Salem Division
e-Auction over Salem Division
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Salem Division, Southern Railway, Salem-636005 invites e-auction for Advertisement and Miscellaneous static services over Salem Division as per details hereunder.

Sl. No.	E-Auction Catalogue No	Details of Lots	Auction Start Date & Time
1.	SA-PUB-MOB-10	Advertisement on Exterior & Interior of Trains	24-07-23 at 15:00 hrs
2.	SA-LOCOS-6-1807	Advertisement on WAP-7 Locomotives	03-08-23 at 15:00 hrs
3.	SA-MSS-BMI-1807	Setting up of BMI kiosks	03-08-23 at 15:30 hrs

All other details can be viewed in the '**E-AUCTIONS LEASING**' tab of website - **www.ireps.gov.in**
For enquires /clarifications, if any, please contact the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Salem Division, Southern Railway, Salem-636005 on any working day. Phone No.0427-2431010.
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Trivandrum Division
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction / Thiruvananthapuram acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

E-tender Notice No	Name of Work
V/TRD-OT/06/2023-24 item 1 Dated 21.07.2023	TVC Division - Replacement of Aluminium along track feeder by Copper feeders in the Jurisdiction of CKI Feeding Post and at ERS/TSS to ERN/SSP and ERS yard.
V/TRD-OT/06/2023-24 item 2 Dated 21.07.2023	Cheppad- Kayankulam Jn- Relocation of IOL in front of signal at KYJ and CHPD stations to improve reliability of OHE system
V/TRD-OT/06/2023-24 item 3 Dated 21.07.2023	TVC Division - OHE modification in connection with raising of platform at various stations
V/TRD-OT/06/2023-24 item 4 Dated 21.07.2023	Trimming of trees/cutting of branches posing threat to OHE under the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/ERS for a period of one year.

Item.No.	Tender Value	Period of completion	Earnest Money Deposit
1.	₹ 45,08,218.70	180 days	₹ 90200/-
2.	₹ 65,57,395.87	180 days	₹ 131200/-
3.	₹ 1744087.86	180 days	₹ 34900/-
4.	₹13,51,867.44	12 months	₹ 27,000/-

Date and Time of Tender closing: 17.08.2023 @14.00Hrs
Complete Details and Tender document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in**
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Electrical (TRD) Branch, Tiruchchirappalli Division
Tender Notice
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Name of Woek	Approximate Value of Tender ₹	Cost of Tender Booklet ₹	Earnest Money Deposit ₹
1.	**TPJ-TRD-2023-2024-09** Tiruchchirappalli Division - Outsourcing of Maintenance Activities of Power Supply Installation (PSI) Assets available in Tiruchchirappalli - Viriddhachalam - Villupuram (Chord Line) Section, Villupuram - Vellore Section and Villupuram - Puducherry Section For a Period of Two Years.	2,97,48,007.96/-	11,200/-	2,98,800/-
2.	**TPJ-TRD-2023-2024-10** Tiruchchirappalli Division - Outsourcing of Maintenance Activities of Power Supply Installation (PSI) Assets available in Tiruchchirappalli - Mayiladuturai - Villupuram (Main Line) Section, Thanjavur - Karaikal Section, Mayiladuturai - Thiruvarur Section, Nidamangalam - Mannargudi Section and Viriddhachalam - Cuddalore Port Section For a Period of Two Years	2,34,13,965.16/-	11,200/-	2,67,100/-

Date & Time of Bidding: 03.08.2023 to 15:00 Hours on 17.08.2023
Date & Time of Tender Opening: After 15:00 Hours on 17.08.2023
Period of completion: 24 Months
Period of validity of offer: 87 days from the date of tender opening
NOTE :
1) The prospective tenderers/bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender).
2) Contractors/Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3) Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022. Tenders received without Bid Security shall be rejected.
4) Kindly log on to http://www.ireps.gov.in for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the on line bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.
5) All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
6) Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, on line through IREPS.
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	33879420000081	1) Mrs. Aruna S, 2) Mrs. Shanthamma C, 3) Mr. Siddalingappa	12-05-2023 Rs.20,46,975.10 due as on 10-05-2023	20-07-2023 11:40 A.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site property bearing No.223, Katha No.842/25/223, Ward No.05, Survey No.25, of Agrahar Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet. Total Measuring 1200 Sq.feet. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.228, **North by:** Site No.224, **South by:** Site No.222.			
2	46989630000521	1) Mr. Renukappa R, 2) Mrs. Ramakka T, W/o. Mr. Renukappa R	12-05-2023 Rs.2,03,152 as on 11-05-2023	20-07-2023 04:15 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing E-No.321/ 353/1, ID No.150300302300800431, situated at Hanabe Village, Doddaballapura Block and Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Hanabe Grama Panchayath and **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** House belongs to Revanna, **North by:** 12 feet Vacant Site, **South by:** Passage and House. Measuring East to West: 9.144 Mtrs, and North to South: 6.096 Mtrs, in all measuring 55.74 Sq.mtrs.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby is given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 24.07.2023 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Murali V Prop. of M/s. Rashmi Chicken Center, Also at: M/s. Rashmi Chicken Center, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi V, 3) Mrs. Bhagyamma M, 4) Mrs. Usha V, 5) Mrs. Nethra V	Loan Account No. 46459440000080 Loan Amount: Rs.21,50,000/-	**Schedule-II - Details of Secured Assets - Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal New Khatha No.1960, Old Khatha No.1674, 1459, 1097, situated at Therubidi Road, Kurubarapette, Hoskote Town and Measuring East to West 16 feet and North to South 26 Feet, total measuring 416 Sq.ft. **Bounded by: East by:** Property of Sheenappa @ M Srinivasa, **West by:** Property of Smt. Muniyamma, **North by:** TMC Road, **South by:** Private property.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2023 Demand Notice Date: 15-07-2023	**Rs.26,55,310.48** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ten and Forty Eight Paisa Only) **due as on 06-07-2023**
2	1) Mrs. Devika V, 2) Mr. Murugesh V, Also at: M/s. St Johns Medicals	Loan Account No. 47519630000013 Loan Amount: Rs.3,53,492/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel of property bearing site formed in Sy.No.11, situated at Roopena Agrahara, NGR Badavane, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **Bounded on: On the East:** Service Road, **On the West:** Service Road, **On the North:** Service Road, **On the South:** House of Sri Venkatesh. Measuring East to West: 17 Feet and North to South: 22 Ft.	Date of NPA: 28-02-2021 Demand Notice Date: 18-07-2023	**Rs.2,83,309.32** (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Nine and Thirty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 16-07-2023**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 24.07.2023, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

₹43,800 cr have been invested by foreign investors in Indian equities so far on stable macroeconomic fundamentals.

Imminent volatility in market spooks investors

Experts anticipate increased volatility in Indian market; advise investors to opt for sectors that show higher strength

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE rally in India's equity market took a big pause on Friday as big names such as Reliance Industries Ltd, Hindustan Unilever and Infosys reported weak numbers for the quarter ended June 2023 (Q1FY24). Going ahead, experts anticipate increased volatility in the Indian market and have advised investors to manage their positions.

"We expect higher volatility in the coming week due to the scheduled monthly expiry of July month derivatives contracts...Nifty has almost tested the new milestone i.e. 20,000 and gained over 7% in the last four weeks, which has pushed the oscillators into the overbought zone. It would be healthy if we see some consolidation now, before making further progress," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking.

Mishra expects Nifty to respect the 19,300-19500 zone in case of any dip while any attempt to surpass the 20,000-20,200 zone may attract profit booking.

He said that participants should focus on more position management and prefer sectors that are showing relatively higher strength. The sharp dip in IT has derailed the momentum and we could see a breather in auto and FMCG too after the phenomenal surge. However, banking, financials, pharma and metal look promising for further up move so traders should align their positions accordingly, he added.

V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, however, said that investors need not feel jittery about a one-day correction in the market. The market has been richly valued and, therefore, used the poor guidance of Infosys and low volume growth in HUL to make the much needed correction.

KEY TRIGGERS

RIL shares may see pressure as Reliance GDR fell about **6%** at the London Stock Exchange

FOMC meet will give guidance on future rate hikes

Result heavy week: Tata Steel, Asian Paints, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Nestle to announce Q1FY24 results

Most experts bullish on banking sector while they again turned bearish on IT stocks after cut in growth forecast by Infosys.

Markets would also react to strong Q1 numbers reported by ICICI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank

Sensex and Nifty have gained about **9%** each in 2023 so far. In one year they have given a return of about **19%** each

"Long term wealth is created through systematic investment and by remaining invested in the market for long, and not by getting in and out of the market frequently responding to volatility. Banking, capital goods, real estate and autos are segments which are on strong wicket," said Vijayakumar.

Owing to an 8% slump in Infosys and massive selling across the IT pack and heavyweights such as HUL and RIL, India's equity market broke its 6-day winning streak on Friday. While the 30-share index Sensex closed the Friday session with a loss of 888 points, or 1.31%, at 66,684.26 while the broader Nifty50 settled below 234 points, or 1.17%, at 19,745.

Experts said that among investors, Reliance share price would be in focus on Monday as the country's largest company in terms of m-cap had announced its June quarter number after the market hour. The oil-to-telecom conglomerate reported 11% drop in net profit and given that Reliance GDR price ended around 6% lower at $62.70 levels at the London Stock Exchange, there are expectations that it will open with a sharp cut in the local bourses as well on Monday.

Anuj Gupta, Vice President — Research at IIFL Securities, said,"Reliance has announced a decline in net profit to the tune of 10%, which is below market estimates. So, this Reliance Q1 results can be categorised as weak quarterly results and Reliance GDR price crash after Q1 results should be seen from this specs only. So, when the Indian stock market reopens on Monday, we may witness Infosys sell off in Reliance shares during early morning deals on Dalal Street." Gupta has advised investors to maintain strict stop loss at ₹2300 apiece. Among other developments, investors will be closely focused on the Federal Reserve meeting. While a 25-basis point rate hike is expected, markets will be more interested in the FOMC's commentary on future rate actions, seeking clues for the anticipated future rate pause. In the earning season, Tata Steel, Asian Paints, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, BPCL, Indian Oil, L&T, Dr Reddy's, Nestle India among others will announce their Q1FY24 results.

HDFC Bank expects 17-18% credit growth

PTI @ New Delhi

THE country's biggest private sector lender HDFC Bank expects 17-18% loan growth during the current financial year as there is enough credit demand.

Effective July 1, the parent mortgage firm HDFC Ltd merged with its subsidiary HDFC Bank making it the second biggest lender after State Bank of India.

During the first quarter, the total advances of the bank rose by 15.8% to ₹16.15 lakh crore.

"On an overall basis, we are confident that there is enough credit demand. It is for us to see which one we want and what time we start to build in," HDFC Bank Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Srinivasan Vaidyanathan said in a recent call with analysts. The bank will be selective in terms of credit and will not participate in certain loans, he said.

MONEY MATTERS

HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF HEADWINDS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
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FINANCIAL markets ride their way through headwinds and tailwinds. Headwinds resist the surge in share prices, while tailwinds provide momentum to them. Today's prices in markets are a function of tomorrow's profits. You invest with the hope of eventually making money. To achieve your objectives in the long term, you need to navigate through resistance. You need to worry about them if you have invested across asset classes.

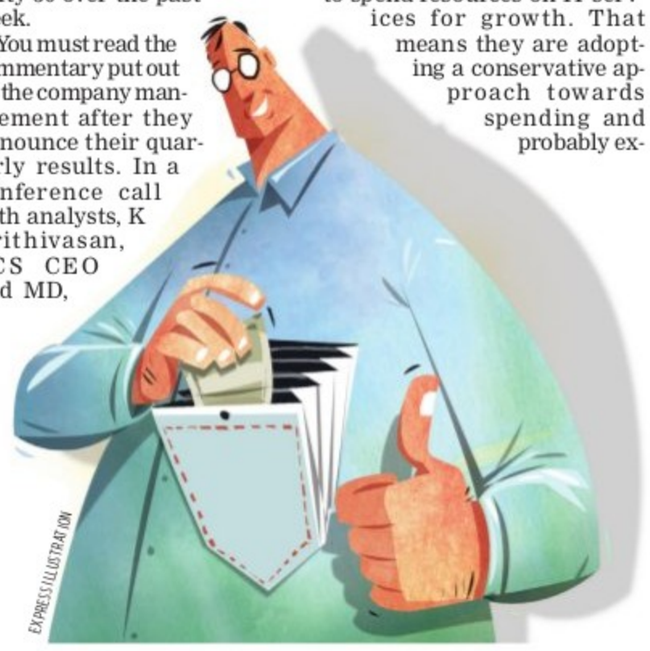
The risk of inflation is the most significant headwind that financial markets worry about. It is the most significant risk to future growth. For stock markets to perform consistently, steady economic growth is paramount. Businesses can then ride on that steady growth to generate profits.

For that purpose, you need to look at the assessment of the Reserve Bank of India. They publish a monthly review of the economy in the monthly Bulletin.

While the headline data worldwide shows a steady decline in consumer price inflation, the world economy is not out of the woods. Retail prices are down globally, but wholesale prices continue to see upward pressure. The monsoon is catching up in July 2023 after a slow start in India. "Manufacturing and services activity remains in expansion albeit with some sequential moderation in June in composite terms from a near 13-year high in April and May," said the RBI analysis.

The other significant development is the commentary from IT services companies. India exports nearly $200 billion of software services through large companies like TCS, Infosys and others. Their stock market performance has decreased benchmark indices after the June 2023 quarter results. The Nifty IT sector index has underperformed the NSE Nifty 50 over the past week.

You must read the commentary put out by the company management after they announce their quarterly results. In a conference call with analysts, K Krithivasan, TCS CEO and MD, said that clients were seen reprioritising projects in favour of those considered business-critical. In simple English, that means the business momentum is slow. Software services companies get large outsourcing contracts from American and European companies. At the moment, they are giving out essential work.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Infosys Technologies announces an annual revenue guidance. The company cut the estimate of the annual revenue growth for 2023-24. That spooked the stock market, and share prices tumbled. That is despite the company beating all other profit and revenue estimates for the quarter. All of that is no good news.

The vital reading one can do is that businesses in America are still not confident enough to spend resources on IT services for growth. That means they are adopting a conservative approach towards spending and probably expect slower demand for goods and services going forward.

Hindustan Unilever, the biggest consumer company in India, is a barometer of consumption in India. About two-thirds of India's gross domestic product, or GDP, is due to consumption. That is the money we spend on goods and services. In a presentation to investors after last week's quarterly results, the company flagged inflation as a continued risk going forward. Due to high cumulative inflation, the demand for consumer goods continues to remain weak and is likely to pick up slowly, the company said. HUL has improved profit margins and increased advertising spending in the June 2023 quarter. That could have a positive impact in the subsequent quarters.

Avoid undue risk

Stock markets are rallying on the back of some strong tailwind in the form of foreign flows. The intensity of foreign flows is higher as international investors look to India with hope in light of a significant slowdown in China. However, Indian shares are already at a record high. While the financial performance of top-rung companies is meeting expectations, the outlook they put out is not so encouraging. That should result in fierce resistance to share prices at current levels despite rising foreign and domestic flows. Understanding these headwinds matters as you look to increase your exposure to equity assets. A systematic investment plan in companies that show balance sheet strength could be a good way forward.

MONEY-WISE

REALTY – MYTH AND REALITY

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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IS Realty a good investment? This is an oft repeated question I have encountered at several Investment seminars and I have often ruffled feathers among audiences by confessing candidly that I rate the funds I parked in Realty years ago, among my worst 'Investments'.

Over the years, I have come to conclude that till such time as REIT's become a widespread reality in the Indian market-space, Realty as an 'Investment' asset class must rank as the most opaque and over-rated, as compared to other asset classes that have an established regulator and benchmarks to evaluate performances over different time frames.

Most back of the envelope calculations my team and I have conducted show that Realty Returns are more often than not marginally negative or at best low single digit if positive, even in the event of some capital appreciation. This is especially so, if the purchase was Leveraged and the Time Value of Money and Inflation are factored in.

Most people do not factor in their property maintenance and upkeep costs, besides unwanted headaches like litigation costs over disputed or flawed titles, non-occupancy periods in case of rented flats, steep transaction costs with everyone else involved including the builder, the broker, the lawyer and the State that levies a hefty Stamp Duty, extracting their pound of flesh.

Mind you, we are not even talking yet of the banks and NBFCs that provide loans which somehow never seem to diminish significantly no matter how long you have been paying the proverbial 'EMI'. The last straw on the camel's back comes when you actually have to pay a 'Penalty' for pre-paying your outstanding loan amount, in part or full.

And when it comes to selling the property – that is really the point when the reality check kicks in. The enormity of the blunder you committed usually hits you at that point when you realize that the price you assumed you would get, often borders on fiction.

Of course, one can still argue that when the Realty cycle is on an upswing, the capital appreciation is handsome. Perhaps so, but how often has that happened, and more importantly, likely to happen in the foreseeable future given the huge unsold inventory across so many geographies, and no shortage of further supply in the pipeline.

No doubt, there is huge psychological satisfaction that many derive from 'owning' a property. I have no arguments with that line of thinking. However, unless one can transplant that into becoming an investment objective, it remains just what it is – not an Investment, but an Emotional High.

My consistent advise over the last several years to the many that have sought my opinion is – don't lock your capital and peace of mind in paying monthly home loan installments (EMIs). Instead, Lease (much cheaper) a place of your choice, enjoy a much better lifestyle, invest the surplus funds prudently in Liquid Assets and well, travel the world and educate yourself on how others in this world live and think.

Bain Capital buys 90% stake in Adani Capital

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE investment firm Bain Capital will acquire 90% of Adani Capital and Adani Housing. The transaction will buy out 100% of the Adani family's private investments in the company, with Gaurav Gupta fully rolling his stake in the company and continuing to serve as Managing Director and CEO.

The transaction is expected to close in Q4 2023.

Bain Capital has also committed $120 million in primary capital to facilitate the company's ongoing growth. The firm is also immediately making available to the company a liquidity line $50 million in the form of Non-Convertible Debentures. "Gaurav and the team have built a scale lending business that supports entrepreneurialism and is trying to solve the $300 billion unmet retail MSME credit demand in the country. The company has strong business fundamentals, an experienced team, with ability to serve and expand to core segments like agriculture, housing and to underbanked rural areas," said Rishi Mandawat, a Partner at Bain Capital.

Bain Capital commits $120 million

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"Our aim has always been to support micro-entrepreneurs and first-time homeowners in Bharat and to be the most economical and convenient lender to our customers by leveraging technology. With Bain Capital committing ₹1,000 crore of capital in the company, we are now equipped to grow 4x from here," said Gaurav Gupta. Avendus Capital was the exclusive financial advisor to Adani Capital, Adani Housing Finance and their shareholders on this transaction.

Transformation of Dharavi a colossal challenge

GAUTAM ADANI
(The author is Chairman of the Adani Group.)

MY first tryst with Dharavi was in the late 1970s. New to Mumbai, I was just another youngster lured to the big city by opportunity and my own optimism that I would sparkle in the diamond trade. Even back then, Dharavi was a melting pot of a diverse array of beliefs, cultures and languages from every part of India. I was mesmerized by the industrious chaos that I saw in Dharavi's alleys, where just about every Indian language seemed to echo with equal urgency. But there was order in that chaos, seemingly provided by the soul of Dharavi. I could never define it but felt it very strongly.

That visit to Dharavi was both humbling and disturbing. The community's struggle for survival, laced with equanimity and happiness, inspired me.

Against this backdrop, when this opportunity to renew Dharavi came calling, I seized it with both hands. I eagerly wanted to do it as it had a huge personal connect with my first impression of Mumbai. Perhaps, it was because of this overzealousness that our bid was 2.5 times the next highest.

As we embark on this completely uncharted journey, I am aware of the colossal challenges ahead. Dharavi is a unique project in a league of its own for three reasons:

First, it is one of the world's largest urban resettlement and regeneration projects. Approximately a million people will be rehabilitated and resettled.

Secondly, rehabilitation entails the resettlement of not only the residential units but also of diverse establishments of various sizes and scales dealing with trading, shopping and other business transactions. The entire ecosphere and business fabric of diverse and distinct trades thriving in Dharavi will be rehabilitated and rehoused.

Thirdly, the project will aim for comprehensive and holistic redevelopment as it caters to the housing and rehabilitation needs of both eligible and ineligible residents.

While I have no fixed ideas or preconceived notions about redeveloping Dharavi, what I do have are good intent and an iron will for a human-centric transformation with the people of Dharavi at its centre. It will be a bottom-up project reflecting their views and sentiments to the maximum extent possible. We will create an institutionalized mechanism to capture the sentiments of not only the people of Dharavi but also of the finest brains and each and every caring Mumbaikar, who are equal stakeholders in this journey of transforming Dharavi. The new Dharavi will reflect the quintessential character of Mumbai without losing the timeless essence of the old Dharavi.

It is also my personal commitment that the only move the eligible residents of Dharavi will make will be to their new homes. Not only will they see their homes being constructed in front of their eyes but they will also have a say in shaping it. What their homes do not have now, we will provide – gas, water, electricity, sanitation and drainage, healthcare and recreational facilities, and open spaces. They will also have access to a world-class hospital and a school.

Apart from resettlement, livelihood is a big challenge. I intend to transform Dharavi into a modern city hub by looking at ways and means to support and strengthen existing microenterprises and small industries and by promoting new age jobs with a special focus on youth and women. This will be achieved using a multi-pronged strategy with the help of sectoral experts and civil society.

It could be a combination of training centres focused on upskilling, common facility centres for product-based as well as service-based entrepreneurship models, R&D centres, data centres, MSME helpdesks, etc. Another important element could be the creation of organised and systemic marketplaces in line with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

The effort to transform Dharavi is not new but has a long history of nearly half a century. This time, some smart changes in the tender design based on earlier learnings ensured bidders' participation and its successful completion. For example, this tender catered to the rehabilitation of ineligible tenants. Further, the inclusion of 45 acre of railway land adjacent to Dharavi facilitates in-situ resettlement and day-zero project commencement.

My team and I are aware that the design and implementation of the Dharavi project are challenges monumental in both scale and dimensions. We are also aware that the project will test our resilience, our capability and our execution skills to their limits. I am confident that, with the support of all stakeholders, we shall create history and make Dharavi, Mumbai and India proud.

Sumit Nagal wins Tampere, lifts 4th Challenger trophy

Tampere (Finland): Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal beat Dalibor Svrcina of the Czech Republic in straight sets to clinch the Tampere Open title here. Nagal beat Svrcina 6-4 7-5 to emerge victorious. It happens to be Nagal's fourth ATP Challenger title in five outings, with this being his second crown this year, having won the Garden Open in Rome in April.

Satwik-Chirag lights another lamp

India's ace pair beats World No 1 team, pockets second successive BWF world tour title

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

IT'S fair to say that a year out from the 2024 Olympics, not a lot is right with Indian sports. Administrative issues, court cases, charges of sexual harassment, damaging doping problems, injuries... this inexhaustible list has meant the mood music has often been sombre, funereal even. Sure, there is Neeraj Chopra, still flexing his biceps and hurling the javelin into the evening sky with lots of success. Apart from him, though, it's all been fairly prosaic.

One team, though, continues to lift the music whenever they play — Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty. The arresting bandana, the energy they bring to the court and, of course, more importantly, the way they are redrawing the contours of their potential; of what's possible in the short and medium-term. If they can keep this run of theirs going — four titles this year and seven successive wins after reaching the final — they could well leave with a shiny metal disc hanging around their necks in Paris in 12 months' time.

On Sunday, they left with gold after taking down the World No. 1 pairing of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto at a raucous Jinnam Stadium. Unlike some of the other finals they have won over the last three years — this went the distance and over an hour — they had to stage a fightback after suffering bit of a reality check in 19 chastening minutes soon after the match began.

The Indonesians showed why they were good, very, very good, and Sat-Chi kind of had no answers. When the scoreboard's bright neon lights said '13-19', it didn't flatter the Indonesians. They were doing most of the running, returning with interest and playing the angles. At 13-19, they may have as well shut down the game and looked to refocus. But they didn't do that.

Instead, they told themselves that the second game begins now. Sure, they lost the opening stanza 17-21 but it kind of conveyed the message across to the opponents. They were willing to get their hands dirty and prepared to win whatever it took.

The second game sort of gave a glimpse into what Sat-Chi are made of. They slowly but surely broke the Indonesians now. Both players have multiple weapons (smashes, wristwork at the net, defence, pulling opponents into awkward spaces and using the backcourt to work openings) these days and they are not shy to build points. They showed it to ease themselves into the lead. In that context, it was a game that most champion teams put together routinely to win matches: 4-4, 8-6, 11-8, 16-11 and 21-13.

This ability to construct solid games and play in third and fourth gear is what has led them to having a sort of a revelatory year in terms of winning the biggest matches. Earlier, they were an all-action team more used to going down in a blaze of glory (they were also full value whenever they used to takedown better ranked teams). These days, they are more professional; like a well-oiled unit.

It's what their regular coach Mathias Boe (he was not with them on Sunday but P Gopichand was passing on finer points from the touchline) had spoke about after they won the Indonesia Open in June. "I don't think any country can rule us out if we play well," he had told this daily. "These titles also come with some responsibilities. Nobody is going to give us anything. Everyone knows that it is difficult playing us. If we use this in the right way, it can be our advantage. If we use this in the wrong way, it can be a disadvantage. But, yeah, of course, they are contenders with the way they are playing right now. That's just a super situation to be in. We will try to make the most of it and stay hungry." Forget staying hungry, they are developing a voracious appetite for hoarding up titles.

Minutes after the final, both Rankireddy and Shetty came back to court to do a passable impression of the Gangnam dance. There may not be much to dance about elsewhere but for these two, they are turning water into wine.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty celebrate their win on Sunday | TWITTER

ROAD TO TITLE

1R bt Supak Jomkoh/ Kittinupong Kedren 21-16, 21-14
2R bt Ji Ting He/ Hao Dong Zhou 21-17, 21-15
QF bt Takuro Hoki/ Yugo Kobayashi 21-14, 21-17
SF bt Wei Keng Liang/ Wang Chang 21-15, 24-22
F bt Fajar Alfian/ Muhammad Rian Ardianto 17-21, 21-13, 21-14

W-L 21-5 THE PAIR HAVE WON FOUR TITLES IN 2023

Swiss Open	March
Asia Championships	April
Indonesia Open	June
Korea Open	July

7 They now won each of their last seven finals. Their last loss in the title clash was at the 2019 French Open.

Poor scheduling costs young grapplers dear

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

PRIYA Malik and Udit had won a gold medal each in the U-20 Asian Championships which concluded at Amman City, Jordan on July 20. The best junior wrestlers in Asia, however, failed to finish on the podium at the Asian Games selection trials which got over in New Delhi on Sunday. Priya, arguably the best 76kg woman wrestler in the country, lost in the quarterfinal on Saturday while Udit had to be stretchered off the mat after sustaining a serious injury during his first bout on Sunday afternoon.

And they are not the only medallists from the U-20 continental championships to return empty handed from the trials. Jaskaran Singh from Punjab, who clinched 65kg gold in the tournament, skipped the trials thus jeopardising his chance of competing in the World Championships trials scheduled next month.

Notably, the ad-hoc committee running the sport in the country, has decided to allow only top-4 wrestlers from each Olympic weight category of three styles to compete in the Worlds trials. The panel has given two elite wrestlers direct entry to Asian Games and said on record that its was done to avoid injuries.

A few top grapplers from the country including Antim Panghal, who won 53kg trials and subsequently included in the national squad for Asiad as a substitute to Vinesh Phogat, had earlier decided to skip the U-20 Asian event given the short gap between the two intense competitions.

"A wrestler needs at least two-week time to recover after a big tournament. The first week after the tournament is supposed to be an interval period where he/she should do only warm-up and light exercises. Here they didn't even get a few days to recover. And that's visible when Udit suffered serious injury during his first bout. The ad-hoc committee should take the blame for depriving these youngsters a chance to qualify for the Asian Games by scheduling the trials so near to the international competition," Mahabir Prasad, former national coach, told this daily.

It is learnt that the U-20 men's freestyle team returned from Jordan only a couple of days back. Apart from Udit, Mukul Dahiya grabbed 86kg gold and Rajat Ruhal secured 97kg bronze. The duo, however, failed to impress in the trials. Aarju, 68kg, also met the same fate in women's wrestling as she couldn't qualify despite securing bronze in the international event.

18-hour journey back to home

Priya won the Asian gold medal on July 17 and left Amman City at 2am on July 19. She along with her teammates had to check-out from the hotel at 10pm on July 18. They landed at the Delhi Airport at 3:30pm on July 19. These wrestlers also had a three-hour lay-off in Dubai. After reaching the national capital, Priya undertook a four-hour long journey by road to Nidani village of Jind district in Haryana.

The tiresome journey meant she could reach home only at 8pm. "The next day I couldn't do anything as I was tired after almost an 18-hour long journey. The women's trials were scheduled on July 22 so we left the village the previous day. It certainly affected my performance," Priya told this daily.

Priya,18, had won a bronze at the Senior Asian Championships this year. Last year, she had bagged a silver each at the U-20 Worlds and Asian meet.

Meanwhile, those who skipped the U-20 Asian meet didn't fare better as only Antim among them could win the trials. Others like Jaideep (74kg) and Sujeet Kalkal (65kg) suffered losses and bowed out.

Deepak Punia (in Red) of SSCB and Deepak of SSCB compete in the 86kg at the trials for Asian Games in New Delhi on Sunday | PARVEEN NEGI

Men's freestyle winners

57kg: 1st Aman, 2nd Rahul; **65kg:** 1st Vishal Kaliraman, 2nd Rohit; **74kg:** 1st Yash, 2nd Naveen; **86kg:** 1st Deepak Punia, 2nd Johnty Kumar; **97kg:** 1st Vicky, 2nd Gourav Baliyan; **125kg:** 1st Sumit, 2nd Ashish.

Ravi pinned, Vishal secures 65kg spot

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

DAYANAND Kalkal, 65kg freestyle wrestler Sujeet's father, spent around ₹75,000 on challenging the exemption given to Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat from the Asian Games selection trials. The Delhi High Court dismissed their writ petition on Saturday upholding panel's decision to give direct entry to Bajrang and Vinesh in the 65kg and 53kg weight categories respectively.

As the financial loss was not enough, Sujeet suffered yet another setback in the selection trials on Sunday after he was beaten by Services wrestler Rohit Guliya in the quarterfinals. The only solace for Sujeet and his father was the fact that the wrestler managed to finish third thus making him eligible for the World Championships trials scheduled next month.

"We are not moving the Supreme Court against the Delhi High Court order. I don't think, we will get a relief from the Apex Court. I have already paid around ₹75000 as fees and that is a considerable amount for a retired Army personnel. The good thing is that Sujeet managed to qualify for the Worlds trials. The court battle is over but the fight on the mat will continue," Dayanand said.

Vishal Kaliraman from the iconic Chhatrasal Stadium finished first in the trials in the 65kg weight category. Given the ad-hoc body's decision, he will now he a standby for Bajrang in the Asian Games.

Meanwhile, the second and the last day of the trials began with the biggest upset as the Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya was pinned by his opponent from Maharashtra Atish Todkar in his first bout of the 57kg. Ravi seemed to be nursing an injury in the right knee and that was visible from his show on the mat. Earlier, sources claimed that Ravi was also offered a direct qualification for the Asiad but he turned down the offer and opted for trials. Ravi didn't finish in top-4 thus casting a serious doubt over his participation in the Worlds trials. Aman Sehrawat won the trials.

Deepak Punia, the 2019 Worlds silver medallist and the Tokyo Olympian, however, emerged winner in 86kg to make it to the team.

Verstappen's Hungary win firms top spot

AGENICES @ Budapest

Formula One champion Max Verstappen needed only a few seconds to stamp his authority on the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday and win his seventh straight race of a crushingly dominant season. Seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton started from pole position ahead of Verstappen, who muscled him out at the first corner and never looked back.

Red Bull's 12th straight win, including the final race of 2022, broke McLaren's record for consecutive team wins set in 1988.

"That was so enjoyable to drive, 12 in a row that is unbelievable," Verstappen said. "Unbelievable. I was really enjoying that last stint."

Verstappen is cruising toward a third straight F1 title. His ninth victory overall ' complete with another bonus point for the fastest lap ' means the 25-year-old Dutchman already leads his Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez by 110 points. McLaren driver Lando Norris finished second for the second-straight race and Perez was third.

India pacer Mohammed Siraj picks five wickets against West Indies | AFP

Siraj's five wickets take wind out of Windies

AGENICES @ Port of Spain

MOHAMMED Siraj secured a career-best five-wicket haul with a sizzling spell as India bowled out the West Indies for 255 to take a healthy 183-run first innings lead on day four of the second Test here on Sunday.

Siraj ended with figures of five for 60 in 23.4 overs after running through the West Indies lower-order. The hosts, who resumed the day at 229 for five, lost five wickets for 26 runs in the morning session to concede a huge advantage to India. The visitors came out all guns blazing in their second innings and were 98 for one in just 12 overs before rain forced early lunch, extending their lead to 281 runs.

Rohit Sharma (57 off 44) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (37 batting off 28) batted on T20 mode considering the stage of the game.

Rohit, who was dropped twice during his whirlwind knock, was finally caught at fine leg off Shannon Gabriel. The India skipper brought up his fastest Test fifty off 35 balls.

The West Indies batters found Siraj unplayable as the 29-year-old, like he often does, used the scrambled seam to perfection. However, it was debutant Mukesh Kumar who triggered the collapse.

BRIEF SCORE

(at time of going to print): India 1st inns: 438; West Indies 1st innings: 255 all out; (Kraigg Brathwaite 75;Mohd Siraj 5/60) India 2nd: 118/2 in 15 ovs (R Sharma 57)

Rain helps Oz retain Ashes

AGENICES @ Manchester

AUSTRALIA retained the Ashes after the fourth Test against England at Old Trafford ended in a rain-affected draw, with bad weather meaning no play was possible on Sunday's final day. The result ensured Australia, as the holders, kept the Ashes at 2-1 up with one match left in the series — regardless of the result of next week's fifth Test at the Oval in London.

Pak A thrash India A in final

AGENICES @ Colombo

TAYYAB Tahir's exceptional hundred garnished Pakistan A's march to a commanding 128-run win over India A, for a second consecutive Emerging Teams Asia Cup title, here on Sunday.

Once Pakistan posted a mammoth 352 for eight courtesy Tahir's 108 off 71 balls (12x4s, 4x6s), the result was in no real doubt. India made a fist of it, but ended up at 224 all out in 40 overs to suffer their first defeat in this tournament.

Young Sreeja making most of UTT exposure

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

IN 2018, the Ultimate Table Tennis sophomore season, then 20-year-old Sreeja Akula was just a non-playing member. A lot has changed since then, with regards to table tennis and personally as well. The Commonwealth Games gold medallist thinks the time she spent two years learning from the best helped her gain vluable lessons.

"In 2018, I was in the youth category, but I got the opportunity to stay and learn with senior national and international players. It was helpful for me because even though I was a non-playing member, I learned many things. Like, how the others train, what they do for their fitness and more," Sreeja said

That experience at the highest level ignited the fire and showed the youngster what she can achieve. She took all of the inputs from senior players and worked on her game. "With the foreign coaches, I received inputs that I could use in my game. There were a lot of inputs to take, from the last UTT. And since then, I've worked a lot on my skills," she added.

Playing as a member of Dabang Delhi this time, Sreeja is making the most of this exposure. "It's important for a sport like table tennis in India to get such exposure. Such kinds of leagues are important to promote the sport. Not just for the players, but all the other youngsters who have come to Pune to watch the matches, too."

Along with the increasing awareness, Sreeja thinks another benefit of the UTT lies in its access to better facilities and sponsors. "I think, with the increased awareness about the sport. There are also many private sponsors who are coming up to help the players alongside the government. The private sponsor are taking care of the individual needs of players, which is helping them to get better exposure by training abroad."

With the Asian Games in her sight, Sreeja is absorbing everything she can from the seniors. "In any sport, it's important that seniors help the juniors and guide them. And I'm very fortunate that in TT, all the seniors are very helpful, especially Sathiyan (Gnanasekaran) bhaiya. Whenever we want any help, he is always ready to help," she added.

EXPRESS READ

Marchand breaks Phelps' IM record

FUKUOKA (JAPAN): French 22-year-old Leon Marchand has broken Michael Phelps' world record in the men's 400-meter individual medley in a time of four minutes, 2.50 seconds. Phelps set the old record of 4:03.84 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Marchand set the record on Sunday on the first day of eight in the pool at the World Aquatics Championships.

Titmus sets 400m freestyle world mark

FUKUOKA (JAPAN): Ariarne Titmus has broken the world record in the women's 400-meter freestyle in a star-studded race that featured three women who have held the mark. Titmus swam the distance in three minutes, 55.38 seconds to top the record set four months ago by Summer McIntosh of Canada of 3:56.08.

Men's trap team wins silver in junior worlds

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's trap team comprising Bakhtyaruddin Malek, Shardul Vihaan and Arya Vansh Tyagi won silver medal at the ongoing ISSF World Junior Championship. This was India's 15th medal. The trio shot a combined 346, while Italy took the gold medal with 356.

Reggae Girlz use crowdfunding, upset France

AGENICES @ Sydney

THE Jamaica 'Reggae Girlz,' a team ranked 38 spots lower than No. 5 France, held Les Bleues to a scoreless draw Sunday to score their first-ever Women's World Cup point. Afterward, while the French players appeared gloomy, the Jamaica players embraced each other on the Sydney Football Stadium field and cheered.

To get here, they relied on family, friends and fans to cover some of their expenses. "The past few years, to be honest, it's been tough," goalkeeper Rebecca Spencer said. "We always have support from outside of the federation that we need. Without them, we probably wouldn't be here." In the months leading up to the team's departure to Australia, Jamaica midfielder Havana Solaun's mother, Sandra Phillips-Brower, launched a GoFundMe, named Reggae Girlz Rise Up, for the team.

The GoFundMe raised around $50,000. A separate fundraiser totaled more than $45,000. "My mom is very much so a go-getter," Solaun said after Sunday's 0-0 draw.

Last month, the Reggae Girlz released a statement on social media expressing their 'utmost disappointment with the Jamaica Football Federation.' Jamaica is among several Women's World Cup teams that have expressed frustration over pay issues. Jamaica's players claimed that they have not received payment that is guaranteed in their contracts.

Australia needed a penalty to get a 1-0 win against Ireland, while European champion England also needed a spot kick to overcome Haiti 1-0. Nigeria held Olympic champion Canada 0-0.

In Dunedin , The Netherlands beat Portugal 1-0.

Jamaica celebrate their draw against France in Women's World Cup on Sunday | AFP

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

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Date: July 30	Date: August 2 to 22	Date: August 26

Foreign medical graduates (FMG) who have attempted the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE)—the licensing test which allows one to practise medicine in India—speak about their experience and share valuable tips. The exam will be held on July 30

FROM ONE PEER TO ANOTHER FMGE &COMING BACK TO PRACTICE IN INDIA

FOREIGN Medical Graduate Examination or FMGE is the screening exam for Indian students who pursued their medical education abroad and now wish to practice in India.

When *EdexLive* spoke to a couple of foreign medical graduates (FMGs) regarding their reasons to pursue medicine abroad, there were mixed responses. A few of them said that the seats here are limited and expensive for those hailing from middle-class backgrounds. Others disclosed that since they couldn't score well in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Undergraduate (NEET UG), getting a seat in India was difficult. Hence, going abroad was the only option left to pursue their passion so that at least, they are able to come back and serve their country.

VOX pop

DR MOHIT JANGRA
Attempted in June 2021
AMA School of Medicine, Philippines

It was a tough exam with clinical vignettes and fact-based questions, and the difficulty level was moderate to severe. With FMGE being scrapped, there will now be an international approach like the Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB) exam and the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) to help with clinical understanding

DR BHARAT PRATAP SINGH SHEKHAWAT
Attempted in January 2023
AMA School of Medicine (AMASOM), Makati

Although FMGE is difficult, it is manageable if one attempts it without too much stress or anxiety. And the curriculum required for the examination is almost similar to what we studied in the Philippines. After the introduction of the National Exit Test (NExT), I feel every coin has two sides. First, it will bring some fairness to how FMGs and Indian Medical Graduates (IMGs) are treated because now, many FMGs face issues in getting internships even after qualifying FMGE exam and are not provided a stipend while IMGs do not face such issues. On the other side, the new changes can lead to an increase in mental pressure among students. Another disadvantage that FMGs might face is that the exam pattern might be based on the Indian curriculum

DR GAURAV KUMAR
Attempted in December 2022
Asian Medical Institute, Kyrgyzstan

I started studying late and it took three attempts to clear it. For the first two attempts, I tried without guidance and coaching. Before the third attempt, I tried to understand which subjects I was lagging behind. I stuck to my notes and solved previous years' questions along with the exam-related questionnaire available on YouTube.I followed video lectures on a few subjects from my roommate's PrepLadder ID. FMGE is a moderate exam but the lack of transparency leaves room for distrust

POOR SCORES AND COSTLY SEATS DROVE THEM AWAY

FMGE is going to be conducted on July 30, 2023 and in this context, we try and understand why

DR MANIKANDAN,
Attempted in December 2022
Kursk State Medical University, Russia

I missed out on a medical seat by a few marks so I didn't have an option to study in India as private medical college seats are expensive and my father is a farmer. My family arranged for loans and I studied in Russia but I want to serve in remote areas of India. But clearing FMGE is a hefty task as only 10% to 15% FMGs clear it. I studied with the help of an online platform. I cleared it in my second attempt. After FMGE comes the internship. It is a very long process for us

ASWATHY SUNILKUMAR
Attempted FMGE in January 2023,
Kyiv Medical University, Ukraine

Born in India and brought up in Dubai, I was exposed to multiculturalism hence, I opted for education abroad. Affordable top-class education with modern infrastructure and the latest medical technology also attracted me. But I wanted to practice here because of the clinical exposure one gets due to patient overload. I cleared FMGE on my first attempt scoring 200/300. My main resources were Prepladder Rapid Revision videos and First Aid USMLE Step 1 book

DR ARCHNA KUMARI
Attempted in January 2023
Tomsk State Medical University, Russia

After completing my MBBS from Russia, I found we can't practice there due to the language barrier. So, I think language is the main reason why I wanted to practice in India. I started preparing for the exam in Russia in my last year. I prepared with the help of PrepLadder. I cracked the exam only on my third attempt. Overall, the difficulty level was easy to moderate. The biggest challenge was the lack of availability of answer keys

DR RAKESH GURJAR
Attempted in January 2023
Caspian International School of Medicine Almaty, Kazakhstan

I wanted to become a doctor and serve my country. I didn't get a seat in a medical college in India and private colleges are expensive hence, I went abroad. I prepared with the help of the online platform Cerebellum Academy, went through multiple revisions and followed the teachers' guidelines. FMGs are not treated equally and that's why the NExT exam should come into effect. The general perception is that FMGE is easy, but it is not any less difficult than NEET PG

DR SHAHROZ KHAN SHERRY
Attempted in January 2023
Nantong Medical University, China

The reason I studied abroad is because I did not want to spend my years preparing for NEET UG as it's clear how hard it is to get a government seat in India for MBBS. Besides, there are many comparatively less-expensive options abroad. But I want to serve here. To prepare for FMG, I took the help of an institute and self-studied as well. FMGE, which is supposed to be a screening exam, has become tougher. Scrapping of FMGE and implementation of NExT is a step in the right direction

Once you're back home...

After your medical education abroad is done and dusted, all those aspiring to practise in India have to go though these steps

The number of students pursuing medical education abroad is increasing every year. But what next? Those who come back to India with an MBBS degree, wishing to practice at home, have to go through the following procedures, as per guidelines from the National Medical Commission (NMC)

STEP - 1: Eligibility Certificate
For any FMG wishing to practice in India, obtaining an eligibility certificate from NMC is imperative. One can apply for the eligibility certificate at any time after obtaining admission to a recognised foreign medical university, by submitting personal details, along with details of their university

STEP - 2: FMGE
Registration for the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) can be done after obtaining the eligibility certificate. The exam is held twice a year, in a gap of six months. However, it might be replaced by the National Eligibility Test (NExT) next year

STEP - 3: CRMI
After qualifying the FMGE, students can apply for the Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI), which continues for a period of two years

STEP - 4: Provisional registration
After qualifying the FMGE, students who wish to practice can apply for a provisional registration. This is granted by the respective State Medical Councils, as per the domicile of the FMGs. To obtain a provisional registration, the submission of relevant documents is required

STEP - 5: Permanent registration
This is granted by the National Medical Commission (NMC). A student with provisional registration can apply for permanent registration

STEP - 6: NEET PG
Students who wish to continue higher studies in India can apply for NEET PG after qualifying the FMGE, like other Indian MBBS graduates

Essentials & expert tips

ESSENTIALS

Is it necessary to pursue an internship?
The students are required to undertake a minimum 12 month internship at the same foreign medical institution where they pursued their education.

Are students required to mandatorily complete an internship in India?
Compulsory Rotating Medical Internships (CRMI) is deemed mandatory for each Indian citizen who has completed their foreign medical education abroad to complete 12 months of supervised internship in India after qualifying the screening test. (Not applicable for war zone returnees or students affected by the pandemic).

Are FMGs charged for allocation?
FMG interns are not to be charged any fee by medical institutions for seat allocation.

Do they receive a stipend?
FMGs should receive stipends and other benefits which are on par with the IMGs.

FAQ time

EXPERTS

DR ADIT DESAI, CO-FOUNDER, DOCTUTORIALS, FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR, KD HOSPITAL

DR VIKAS KESHRI, HEALTH POLICY EXPERT, DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT UNSW, SYDNEY

How long does it take for an FMG to complete their degree?
Usually for IMGs, it takes up to 5.5 years to finish their degree with internship, but for FMGs, ideally, it is stated that the degree has to be 4.5 years minimum.

Why does FMGE have such a low pass percentage?
Majority of students give the exam about six to seven times. Sometimes FMGs find disparity in the question paper pattern, but experts say that there will be a difference in syllabus in different countries as there are different pathways to practice medicine.

How feasible is it to secure an internship after completing the degree?
Quite tough. After the completion of their internship for a year at the institution they were pursuing their degree, the students have to complete their CRMI from an Indian medical college for a duration of 12 months.

Few students have claimed that they have to pay an amount to procure a seat for an internship, why is it so?
Although it is not permitted for medical colleges to levy any kind of fee, most students end up paying for it as they do not want to lose out on time.

Field of Medicine an obstacle course for FMGs?

The instability that was brought upon the FMGs after the onset of the pandemic continued after the students were ensnared by a war crisis. But FMGs express that pursuing medicine in India has become an unending obstacle

Why do FMGs feel discriminated?

The FMGs have raised qualms against the treatment meted out to them, commonly felt by all, as they say, "We are being treated as if we are not the citizens of India." In comparison with Indian Medical Graduates (IMGs), FMGs claim they feel they are not being validated the way they should.

A spokesperson from the All India FMG Association, on the condition of anonymity, claims that both the IMGs and the FMGs were affected by the pandemic and had to pursue online classes but the two-year mandatory internship was implemented only for the FMGs.

Also,FMGs receive no stipend from state medical councils during their internship,

equal fight

despite the announcement by the National Medical Commission (NMC). This stands in contrast to the treatment meted out to IMGs, who receive stipends for their internships.

The Russia-Ukraine war

Deepak Kumar, a second-year student is pursuing his MD from Ternopil University, Ukraine, a country embroiled in a war. He, who comes under the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) 2021 mandate, states that students taking admission after November 18, 2021 cannot apply for a transfer at a different university in such a scenario.

"Our semester is about to begin in September and we have to deposit the fees. We are apprehensive whether the NMC will recognise our degree later, as it will be an online course and most of the module cannot be taught virtually, it will be a deficient form of learning," says Kumar on the validity of his degree. He further adds that a hefty amount of ₹11-12 lakh has been spent on his education and starting anything anew would be a loss of resources and time.

A degree of nine years

An MD from the Kursk State Medical University, Russia shares his plight on how difficult it has been for him even after passing the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) in his first attempt. He says there are a lot of procedures involved in procuring an internship and called it "a hectic process".

"We (FMGs) have to procure our provisional eligibility certificate after clearing the exam, I had to wait for two months to get it, and now, the process is delayed further since there were no vacancies for internships as per the Medical Directorate of the State of Tamil Nadu," says the 2022 FMG graduate, who wished to stay anonymous. He further adds that the process which takes around six years for an IMG, will take nine years for him.

The unending struggle of the FMGs is on the rise not only because of a global crisis but also due to domestic turmoil where there is insufficient infrastructure in the country to grant them the practical experience they need to accrue before pursuing a medical career in India.

Mohammed Sageer, Joint Secretary of the All India Foreign Medical Graduates Parents Association (FMGPA) says that many graduates even after pursuing the degree for six years in a foreign country had to switch their careers, either because they couldn't qualify FMGE, or they could not procure an internship seat on time.

DR WORLDWIDE BEST COUNTRIES FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

top tier

WE LOOK AT SOME OF THE BEST COUNTRIES FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION ACROSS THE WORLD – AND EXAMINE WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER INDIAN STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

20,000 to 25,000

An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 students from India go abroad to pursue medicine every year. It is a known fact that getting into medical college is tough – and even more so in India. More than eight lakh students appear for the National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test (NEET) every year, in competition for just over one lakh seats

Given the high demand and ruthless competition for medical education in India, many aspirants have thus, set their sights overseas to study medicine

Here are some of the best countries for Indian students to pursue MBBS

Georgia

Located between Europe and Asia, Georgia boasts world-famous research infrastructure and good quality education, as evident by the country's high literacy rate. Medical degrees in Georgia are recognised by the World Health Organization and the Medical Council of India and are even compliant with the National Medical Commission guidelines. They are also comparatively affordable for students

Top colleges
- Tbilisi Medical Academy
- Georgian National University
- Caucasus's International University
- David Tvildiani Medical University
- East European University

ADMISSION & COURSE DETAILS
- An MBBS degree in Georgia lasts up to six years, with five years of study and one year of internship
- Indian general category candidates need to score 50% above in their 10+2 from a recognised board, and 40% if they are from the SC/ST/OBC categories. They should also be a minimum of 17 years on December 31 in the admission year. In addition, the candidates should also clear the NEET exam

Kyrgyzstan

With some of the most affordable MBBS programmes in the world, Kyrgyzstan is slowly gaining traction among medical aspirants from India. The simple admission processes, world-class amenities, state-of-the-art infrastructure, healthy mix of education and co-curricular activities, and affordable living costs bring thousands of Indian students to the medical universities of Kyrgyzstan every year. Moreover, the country's MBBS programmes are recognised around the world by organisations like NMC and others

Top colleges
- Asian Medical Institute
- Osh State University
- Kyrgyz State Medical Academy
- International School of Medicine
- Naryn State University

ADMISSION AND COURSE
- The MBBS course is six years long. The first five years comprise theoretical and practical medical education and the final year is dedicated to clinical training
- To be eligible for the course, candidates need to complete their 10+2 from a recognised board, with a minimum overall percentage of 50%. They should clear NEET UG and be 17 years old by December 31 in the year of their admission

USA

Already a popular overseas education destination among Indian students, the USA is also renowned for its medical education and research. The country boasts top-class medical education pedagogy, state-of-the-art technology and equipment to complement it. To top it off, medical programmes in the USA are seen as the world standard and carry global recognition. Also, the country's campuses are enriched by a lively, academic-oriented and multicultural environment

Top Colleges
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Harvard Medical School
- Johns Hopkins University
- Stanford University
- Columbia University

ADMISSION & COURSE
- Medical education in the USA lasts for 11 years
- To be eligible for MBBS, students need to first do a pre-medical course, that is, a four-year BSc degree course, among many other criteria

Germany

A lot has been said about Germany's education system and its near-zero tuition fees. The universities are recognised by WHO, UN and NMC. A German MBBS degree is valid across the EU and graduates can work across EU countries without restrictions

Top colleges
- Heidelberg University
- Free University of Berlin
- RWTH Aachen University
- University of Hamburg
- Technical University of Munich

ADMISSION AND COURSE
- In Germany, the duration of the MBBS course is six years. This includes two years of pre-medical studies, three years of clinical studies and one year of practical placement
- To be eligible for the MBBS course, candidates need to complete their 10+2 from a recognised board among several other criteria

Bangladesh

Closer to home, Bangladesh is one of the best countries for Indian medical aspirants. Thousands of students from India go to Bangladesh every year to pursue MBBS, primarily because of their budget-friendly, WHO & NMC recognised MBBS programmes, technologically-advanced infrastructure, highly-qualified teachers, practical-oriented pedagogy, global affiliations and comfortable living experiences. Top medical colleges in the country also have up to 20% reservations for Indian students, which incentivises them to pursue MBBS from there

Top colleges:
- University of Dhaka
- Rajshahi University
- Shahjalal University of Science and Technology
- University of Chittagong
- Gono Bishwabidyalay

ADMISSION AND COURSE
- The MBBS course in Bangladesh is six years long, including one year of internship
- Aspirants need an overall GPA of 7.0 in their Intermediate exam from a recognised board, along with a GPA of 4.0 in Biology; they must be 17 years old by December 31 of the year of admission

Philippines

The Philippines offers US-based medical education with the perfect blend of theory and practical knowledge. Medical degrees in the Philippines are also recognised internationally by organisations like the World Health Organization (WHO), World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and even India's National Medical Commission (NMC). To top it off, the cost of studying MBBS in the Philippines is much more affordable than in the USA, UK, or China – making it even more attractive

Top colleges
- University of Perpetual Help
- AMA School of Medicine
- Our Lady of Fatima University
- Emilio Aguinaldo College of Medicine

ADMISSION AND COURSE
- Medical education in the Philippines lasts for six years
- To get into an MBBS programme in the country, English language proficiency tests is required, among other criteria
- The MBBS in The Philippines is a combination of a Bachelor of Surgery (BS), which is taught for the first 16 months of the course, and a Doctor of Medicine (MD), which is taught for the next four years
- One year in the course entirely focuses on clinical rotations

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DAY'S DIARY

Abdication of Mary

On this day in 1567, an imprisoned Mary Queen of Scots was forced to sign the instrument of her own abdication

THE REASON

She was only 24 years old and the abdication came as aconsequence of having taken as her third husband the man who allegedly murdered her second husband

THE INCIDENT

Rebellious Scottish nobles deserted Queen's army at Carberry Hill of Scotland and throne was passed to her 13-month-old son, James

LATER ALLEGATIONS

After spending 19 years in English captivity, Mary was accused of being involved in Babington plot, which aimed to assassinate Elizabeth I

Check out the events happening in the city

PG 2

Actor Padmavati Rao, who plays a pivotal role in the recently released limited series *Sweet Kaaram Coffee*, shares her experience working with her idol Lakshmi and the progressive themes of the show

FINDING FREEDOM

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DESE GOWDA

"LAKSHMI has always been a star. She was already ruling the South film industry when I was just a teenager. The first time I saw her was when I was shooting for my second film, and we'd gone to see one of her films, starring Anant [Nag]. It was at a theatre in Bengaluru, and Lakshmi was also there. At that time, I wasn't even someone who thought I'd have a career in films. I saw her from afar and was in awe of her. All the stories I had heard of her fascinated me. In my mind, she became larger than life. She has always inspired me, to say the least," says actor, thespian and poet Padmavati Rao.

Hence, when she was presented with a 'dream opportunity' to share the screen with Lakshmi in the recently released Tamil-language limited series *Sweet Kaaram Coffee*, Rao didn't think twice.

A still from the show

"It was such a pleasure. She made me so comfortable. When someone of her stature opens her arms and embraces your vulnerabilities, it makes for a wonderful experience," Rao adds.

A comedy-drama series that explores the lives of three women from various generations of the same family, as they set off on a road trip together, much to the chagrin of the men in their lives, *Sweet Kaaram Coffee* features Rao in a pivotal role. "A lot does revolve around Deva [Rao's character]. Her presence is already felt before she is even first seen on screen. I think that also enticed me. They wanted Deva's reveal to be shrouded in mystery. I think they managed to achieve that because a lot of people called me to say that they didn't expect that turn of events," Rao adds.

A veteran of theatre, Rao says she found the project exciting due to its intriguing themes and the depth of her character. "I found it rather interesting. It's a women-centric narrative that looks at the other half of the population in a slightly newer way. It is more accepting of all those things that women would not talk of earlier. In conservative households, even today, it is difficult for women to say some of the most ordinary things," she says, adding, "Deva is graceful, patient, and understanding, but not to a superhuman extent. She's very human in all her aspects. That's one of the things that was alluring about this project."

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> Padmavati Rao, actor

But despite her initial excitement, Rao had reservations about taking up the role due to her unfamiliarity with Tamil. "I think they heard of me because of my work in theatre. But I kept saying to them that maybe they shouldn't cast me because I don't speak Tamil. It will be quite a process, and I'll need someone to coach me. It's very important to understand what you're saying, to get the depth and the emotion right. I can't just say words and emote. But they assured me that I'd have a coach at all times, so that was good," she explains, however she was disappointed that the she could not dub for her role in other languages. "I was most surprised because I speak Kannada, Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati and English. If they wanted French, I could still do it (laughs). But the producers say that it wasn't in their hands," she adds.

(Sweet Kaaram Coffee is currently streaming on Amazon Prime Video)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will win a brunch for one from Marriott Bengaluru Whitefield **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Mohanthal 2) Surströmming 3) Akpeteshie

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Anil Kumar Janardanan
2) Chandan S 3) Rohith Shankar

As the make-up preference is now going towards nude make-up and glowy skin, celebrities are jazzing their looks up using crystals, pearls, and rhinestones

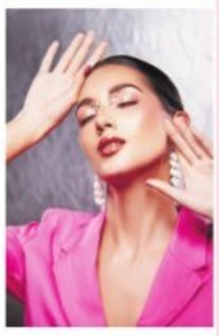
Bejewelled Locks

Nimika Ratnakar

Komica Anchal

MONIKA MONALISA

SANDALWOOD actress Nimika Ratnakar, in an event for her last movie *Kranti*, went for a baby pink jumpsuit. Since the colour was a lighter shade of pink and kept the look neutral and not overpowering she went for a dewy make up but glammed it up with using pearls in her hairstyle. "Designer Laxmi Krishna gave me a tube jumpsuit that had a faux feather on the bust line. There was so much going on in that outfit that I wanted to keep my makeup a little light. However, since it was an event I wanted to add a little glam element to it too. So I went for pearls on my hair. It transformed the whole look," says Ratnakar, adding that the inspiration came from some of the international fashion shows she followed.



Similar to Ratnakar, actress Komica Anchal, for a film award function, went for an all-black gown, however adding all the drama to the hairstyle. "I went for flat hair on my forehead and kept it in a wave pattern and added some character to it with some pearls. This didn't just add an understated hairstyle but complimented my light-toned makeup," says Anchal, adding that it had the vibe of the Angelina Jolie from *Maleficent*.

Breaking down this trend, makeup artist Rashida Pavthiwala says as the colour palette has almost gone nude and everything is coming to shine and glow and these accessories add texture and elements to the whole look. "These accessories could be anywhere, it could be on your hair, eyes or the centre of your chin. Also, the usage of eyeliner is not there. No definite lines are going to be there on the face for some time now. Certainly, the Korean skin type is all about strobing and highlighting, with tinted lips with no lip line. So the face actually has no sharpness at all in terms of eyeliner or lip liner. These stones add a little sharpness to attract attention," explains Pavthiwala, who recently did eye make-up for a client with pearls and stones.

In agreement makeup artist Swarna Nagraj mentioned clients opt for the makeup first. "There are many times for an event where clients would be very particular about their makeup but would want to go for a glamorous look. So we add elements like crystals and rhinestones or even pearls to add that extra element," says Nagaraj, affirming that this look is going to stay for a while.

CITY READ

City girls win gold at Dance World Cup 2023

Five girls from the city won the gold medal for India in the 2023 Dance World Cup event in the Senior Small Group National and Folklore Dance Category held at the famous Theatro Circo located in Braga, Portugal for their Bharatanatyam performance. The group faced a tough competition from over 1,20,000 participants from 62 countries. The dancers are part of Urhythmx dance studio and trained by guru Samyuktha Shankar.

City-based university to collaborate with UK university

Lingaraja Gandhi, vice-chancellor of Bengaluru City University, visited Wolverhampton University, UK to contribute his expertise to the research project Sustainable SMART Cities Coping with Crisis. He engaged in productive discussions with Wolverhampton University's vice-chancellor, John Raftery, exploring possibilities for academic collaboration between the two universities. Following these discussions, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by both vice-chancellors in the presence of Wolverhampton University's pro-vice-chancellor Prasant Pillai and the research group.

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Is Our Definition of Health Still Relevant?

DR. BALAKRISHNA SHETTY, MD

World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7th. The World Health Organisation (WHO) slogan for the day is "Health for All". However, there are no concrete actions by the International Health bodies to achieve their target of Health for all. The production and selling of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, and many more which are known to cause diseases, continues without any hassles.

The maximum human deaths are due to violence, war, trauma, and accidents. But the production of weapons of mass destruction, instigation of wars by superpowers at the cost of lives of people in poor countries still continues. The world superpowers survive with luxury by sabotaging the life and health of people in poor countries (which will change soon and India will be leading from the front). The rich countries take valuable food and water resources of low and mid-economy countries. Then they supply junk food, spoil the health, and sell medicines in the name of Health for all and treatment. Foods with excellent nutritional qualities like jackfruit, mango, papaya are depicted as bad for health to sell apples, peaches, and berries. Coconut oil, ghee, honey, turmeric, and ginger with great medicinal values are discarded to sell olive oil, almonds, and maple syrup.

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With all these slogans for Health for all, the million-dollar question is what is Health? The WHO definition of Health is "Complete physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, not merely the absence of disease." This is more confusing as there is a similar word "well-being", which needs to be defined further. If our own Ayurveda is considered, health is defined as "*Samadosha, samagnischa samadhatumala kriyaha prasanna atmenindriya manaha swasthya ityabhidheeyate*" which means that the *doshas* (primary life forces) must be in equilibrium, the digestive fire must be in a balanced state, and the tissues (*dhatus*), proper elimination of *malas* (waste products) must work in a normal state. The sensory and motor organs and mind, *atma* must also be in a pleasant state. Such a person is called a healthy person or *Swastha*. There are a few more definitions in other forms of medicine such as homeopathy, naturopathy, Siddha, and Unani.

If all these definitions are considered, most of the people with various conditions like diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, arthritis, and various psychological conditions are considered as patients and there are hardly anybody having health.

However, the question is, whether these definitions are important for any individual. Should a normal walking, talking person, eating well, passing a good amount of stool as soon as he gets up, without any problem, sleeping well, think of these definitions? I do not think so. These definitions may be necessary for community or public health.

World Health Day, the definition of health may not be important for any person. Hence, if a person gets up in the morning and goes for his work, he is always considered healthy, even though he is harbouring a few diseases within. Similarly, a person who cannot do his day-to-day work is unhealthy or a patient. A person who does his work with love and affection is always considered a healthy person and who does not is a sick person. In this context, day-to-day work is more important.

However, this work has been misinterpreted as exercise by some. The word "exercise" comes from the Latin "exercere", meaning to keep busy or at work. Whereas work is exercise to help not only you but also others. Altruism. When you work, there are results which help not only you but also others. There will be a lot of thinking and positive hormones and enzymes secreted in the human body. The brain functions smoothly and the heart will work properly.

Whereas exercise is an activity which helps you to develop one's body, look good, have fitness, and develop muscles, maybe to impress others. Fitness one gets is fitness to do exercise and not fitness to work. Exercise induces secretion of hormones like adrenaline. Exercise to be done so that one will get fitness to work.

In conclusion, if the difference between exercise and work is understood, health is defined as the ability to work till the last breath.

(The author is founder and Chief of Radiology, ISHA (Integrated System of Health Awareness) Diagnostics is a state of art diagnostic centre with the speciality focus on Radio diagnosis and Laboratory medicine)

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BOOK NOOK

India's Secret War

by Ushinor Majumdar

The book is the first detailed, public telling of how India, through the BSF, trained, equipped and fought side-by-side with the regular and irregular forces of Bangladesh. This was above and beyond the paramilitary force's mandate to guard borders.

Urdu Crime Fiction, 1890–1950: An Informal History

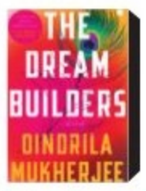
by CM Naim

Urdu crime writers capture the new material realities of urban India—from the 'exotic' mannequins, latex masks and 'truth-serum' to the everyday advertisements, gramophones and cameras.

Robotics And Other Super Cool Technology: Young Techie Series 2

By Shalini Satish, Raam Baranidharan, Tasneem Amiruddin

It is a beginner's guide to emerging technologies such as robotics, cryptography, cloud computing, machine learning and blockchain, and their applications.



The Dream Builders

by Oindrila Mukherjee

It is the story of one summer in a fictional city in India, told from the point of view of ten different characters and bookended by Maneka, a creative writing professor in the United States who returns to the country after six years.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Musical Evening

Experience *The Conference of the Birds*, a sufi and hamilton-inspired hip-hop musical that explores the idea of an India where we all live the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

WHEN: July 29, 7pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Timeless Art

Catch this solo show of paintings by Jaikishan Tada that offer a unique perspective on the historical and magnificent grandeur of Hampi.

WHEN: July 29, 11am
WHERE: MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road
CALL: 09019276294

Heal

Unlock your body's innate healing power with the help of Kalari Uzhichil and Kizhi – a unique full body massage and ayurvedic therapy with warm herbal poultices.

WHEN: July 24, 5am onwards
WHERE: Shoonya Mari, Sudhama Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

LATE NIGHT COMEDY

Enjoy an evening filled with unfiltered jokes, open mic sessions and surprise celebrity acts hosted by some of your favorite comedians. **WHEN:** July 24, 7pm onwards
WHERE: Just Blr, Brigade Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Make your day brighter with Sandeep Pai's play *Blackout*, a comical take on the mundane lives of an '80s household.

WHEN: July 25, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Nritya Darpan

Riddham Kathak School is celebrating its 10-year journey with Gati Dus, an evening of classical dance. The event will showcase the beautiful artistry of Kathak.

WHEN: July 28, 5.30pm
WHERE: Seva Sadan, Malleswaram
CALL: 9903813988

THE DANCER'S WORSHIP

Immerse yourself in this unique session that fuses dance and storytelling to bring Rabindranath Tagore's *Natir Puja*.

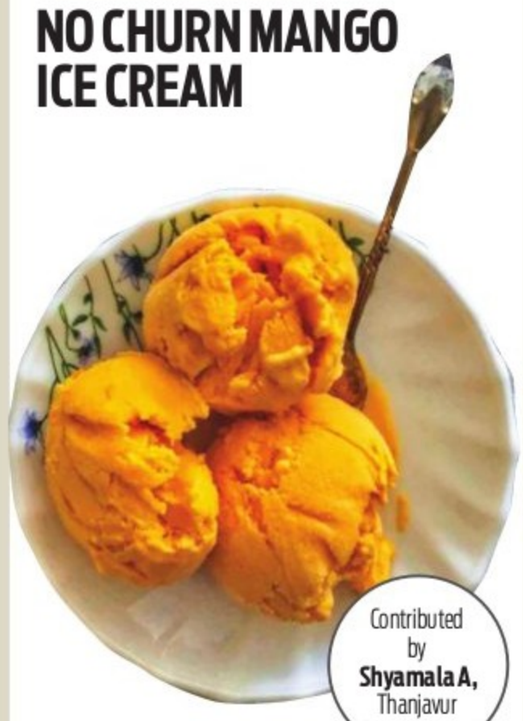
WHEN: July 30, 6.30pm
WHERE: Bengaluru International Centre (BIC), Domlur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

SAY CHEESE!

Members of the Kodava Mahila Samaja pose for a group selfie during the Kodava Food Festival on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

NO CHURN MANGO ICE CREAM



Contributed by **Shyamala A,** Thanjavur

INGREDIENTS

- **Alphonso mango:** 3
- **Whipped cream:** 2.5 cups
- **Condensed milk:** 1/2 cup
- **Vanilla essence:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Peel the mangoes and add them to a blender jar along with condensed milk. Blend it into a smooth paste and set aside.
- In another mixing bowl, whip the cream for 2-3 minutes or until a lot of air is incorporated. Add the mango paste to the cream, whip the mixture until thoroughly combined and add it to a mould.
- Freeze for 2-3 hours or until semi-set and blend it again until nice and smooth. Add black the ice cream mixture to the mould and freeze for 5-6 hours or until completely set.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

VIRABHADRASANA I GARUDASANA

(WARRIOR POSE I EAGLE ARMS)

It is one of the variations of Virabhadrasana I, which describes a series of poses named for a powerful warrior in Hindu mythology. It is a part of the primary series of Ashtanga yoga and a foundational asana in other schools of yoga.

STEPS

- Come back from Goddess Pose Eagle Arms, without releasing the Eagle Arms, turn towards the left side and bring the torso also to the left.
- Place the left foot to about 90 degrees and turn the torso to stand in Warrior Pose I Eagle Arms.
- Adjust the torso and bend the left knee taking it just above the left ankle.
- Bring the arms in front of you above the chest level and push the hips towards the floor.
- Raise the heel of the right leg, resting the toes on the floor.
- Balance and adjust the hips, shoulders and foot to be comfortable in this pose.
- Stay in this pose for about six breaths, looking forward.
- Notice the stretching of inner thighs, shoulders, knees, hamstrings, lower back and the opening of hips.
- All these play an important role in a perfect Eagle Pose.
- You can repeat this posture with your right side in the same process.
- Finally, come to Dandasana and relax.

BENEFITS

- Stretches your arms, legs, shoulders, neck, belly, groins and ankles.
- Helps to improve focus, balance and stability.
- Strengthens biceps and triceps.
- Aids in toning the abdomen and outer hips.
- Strengthens the posterior chin (back muscles, butt, hamstrings).
- Stretches quadriceps, gluteus maximus and calf muscles.
- Builds strength for the muscles that support the knee.
- This pose helps to open your hips, chest and lungs.
- It helps to encourage good circulation and respiration.
- It is more beneficial to energise the entire body.

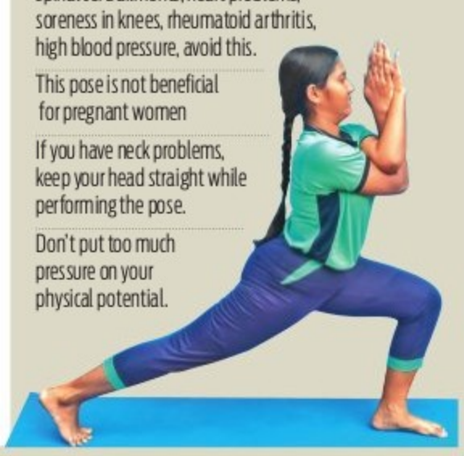
LIMITATIONS

People suffering from chronic disorders, spinal cord ailments, heart problems, soreness in knees, rheumatoid arthritis, high blood pressure, avoid this.

This pose is not beneficial for pregnant women

If you have neck problems, keep your head straight while performing the pose.

Don't put too much pressure on your physical potential.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

GOOD NIGHT (Tamil)

A simple boy-next-door character's biggest problem in life is his snoring. He falls in love with a girl and how the couple overcome his sleeping problem.

Cast: K Manikandan, Meetha Raghunath

- **Watch On:** Disney+ Hotstar

AYALI (Tamil)

Tamil Selvi, a teenager, struggles with her dreams of becoming a doctor in the oppressive village of Veerappannai. Will she be able to break the 500-year-old custom that bars women's education?

Cast: Abhinayashree, Anumol, Singampuli

- **Watch On:** ZEE5

SHAITAN (Telugu, series)

Set in Madanapalle, the show revolves around gross injustice, Naxalites, and their fight with the Police department.

Cast: Rishi, Shelly, Ravi Kale, Deviyani, Jaffer Sadiq

- **Watch On:** Disney + Hotstar

PICHAIKKARAN 2 (Tamil)

In pursuit of his lost sister, an impoverished Sathya is embroiled in a situation that forces him to impersonate a dead multi-millionaire.

Cast: Vijay Antony, Kavya Thapar, Radha Ravi, Yogi Babu

- **Watch On:** Disney+ Hotstar

ARCHIER GALLERY (Bengali)

Archie, an old-school romantic, hopes for a love story like that of his parents when he falls in love with Niharika. Will his 90s idea of romance work its charm in the modern-day world?

Cast: Bonny Sengupta, Ayoshi Talukdar, Rajatabha Dutta

- **Watch On:** ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

NENU STUDENT SIR! (Telugu)

Subbu, a college student, buys an iPhone and gets entangled in a murder case linked to the device. He receives a large sum of money in his bank account and faces challenges proving his innocence.

Cast: Bellamkonda Ganesh, Avantika Dasani

- **Watch On:** aha

TARLA (Hindi)

The film follows the journey of India's iconic home chef, Tarla Dalal. It captures the integral role she played in empowering women and helping them realise their dreams through food.

Cast: Huma Qureshi, Sharib Hashmi, Bharati Achrekar

- **Watch On:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

SURVIVAL OF THE THICKEST (English, series)

After a bad breakup, passionate stylist Mavis Beaumont seizes the opportunity to start over in life and love while finding happiness on her own terms.

Cast: Michelle Buteau, Tasha Smith, Tone Bell

- **Watch On:** Netflix

MR. CAR AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR (Polish)

When an art historian finds an ancient Templar cross, he must join forces with an unlikely group of adventurers on a quest to unlock the relic's secrets.

Cast: Mateusz Janicki, Sandra Drzymalska, Maria Debska

- **Watch On:** Netflix

JOYLAND (English)

The youngest son in a traditional Pakistani family takes a job as a backup dancer in a Bollywood-style burlesque and quickly becomes infatuated with the strong-willed trans woman who runs the show.

Cast: Ali Junejo, Rasti Farooq, Alina Khan

- **Watch On:** Amazon Prime Video

CHUECO (Spanish)

A family is forced to live with a talking chimpanzee who gets them into all sorts of trouble.

Cast: Dario Barassi, Consuelo Duval, Santiago Torres

- **Watch On:** Disney + Hotstar

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Prime Video:	₹299/month
aha:	₹699/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹899/year
JioCinema:	₹999/year
ShemarooMe:	₹999/year
ZEE5:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGE

Hyundai Exter is a smooth, refined and stylish entrant to the micro SUV segment

STYLISH DESIGN

The sporty Exter presents a fresh take on Hyundai's design identity. H-shaped LED DRLs and tail lamps are simply an awesome idea for presenting the nameplate. To bolster the vehicle's bold stance, it has a wide parametric design grille with Exter branding, prominent front and rear skid plates, projector headlamps, wheel arch cladding etc.

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

HYUNDAI'S new offering, Exter comes to the comparatively nascent segment of the SUV market – known as entry SUV or micro SUV. It sits just below the most popular segment, sub-4 metre SUVs like Hyundai's own Venue. The entry-level SUVs attract those who come to the market for a small car, most of them first-time car buyers.

Hyundai Exter is not a compromise vehicle – this was what I felt when I drove the car in Jaipur last week. It is brilliantly conceived, crafted and executed. Though it is only 3,815 mm in length, the Exter has ample space and comfort. A refined petrol engine with smooth gear systems will attract anyone who drives it. Let's have a detailed look.

The interior

Its spacious interior features attention-to-detail, hi-tech and comfortable elements. The Exter comes with connected type infotainment and cluster design. Leather-wrapped steering wheel, gear knob and a sporty black finish with colour inserts are some of the highlights.

Exter's unique tall stance and long wheelbase (best in the segment) offer easy ingress and egress, ample interior space, good knee room and legroom, relaxed seating position, and comfortable headroom and shoulder room for four adults.

Safety features

It comes with a host of features. According to Hyundai, it has 26 safety features across all trims and 40 advanced safety features as optional. The Exter sets a new standard with six airbags that will be offered across all trims as regular fitment.

The drive

I got my hands on both the manual and AMT variants. AMT, surprisingly, has paddle shifters. It is also very smooth and in our day to day drives, it will be of much help. The manual gear model is a performer, with easy shifts and smooth power delivery.

To sum up, I can say for sure that Exter will be a game changer in the small car market. It has all the characteristics that most people love.

THE ENGINE

Its 1.2l Kappa petrol engine (E20 Fuel Ready) comes with a choice of five-speed MT & Smart Auto AMT and 1.2 l Bi-fuel Kappa petrol and CNG with 5-speed MT.

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

BIG BANG THEORY

For the first time, Maruti is looking beyond the affordable segment and has come up with Invicto, its own Innova

HERE comes the most expensive vehicle from Maruti Suzuki. Invicto is nothing but Toyota's Innova Hycross, but with that quintessential Maruti touch. Maruti's unmatched sales and service network across India puts it in a different league.

I had the opportunity to drive and review Invicto recently in Jodhpur. Let's see how it fares.

Bold Beauty

The premium three-row Utility Vehicle or MPV boasts an attractive exterior that follows the design language of other successful NEXA models. Its strong appearance conveys exceptional road presence.

Invicto exudes the robust appeal of a modern SUV with its rugged and upright stance along with dynamic character lines. The front fascia is striking and features distinctive NEXA signature elements, including a front grille with a sweeping cross bar that seamlessly connects the twin LED headlamps, integrated with LED Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs).

The LED tail lamps in the rear also reflect the same design identity. The squared wheel arches housing the R17 (17-inch) precision-cut alloy wheels also highlight its grandeur.

Luxurious interiors

The interior immerses us in a world of luxury and refinement. It offers superlative space and comfort. The all-black interiors with champagne gold accents offer a contemporary look and elevate elegance. The seats are adorned with textured plush covers. Dual-zone climate control for front and rear rows is a welcome feature. Panoramic sunroof with ambient lighting, soft-touch instrument panel, plush leatherette seats, eight-way powered driver seat with memory function, ventilated front seats, dual-zone AC...the list doesn't end. The Invicto is available in seven and eight-seater configurations.

Hi-tech

Invicto has a 25.65cm (10.1-inch) touchscreen infotainment system, six-speaker audio, in-built Suzuki Connect Technology with remote functionalities and 50+ connected features such as remote power window close, remote seat ventilation, e-call, etc. It also has Alexa connectivity with 30+ features, smartwatch connectivity, a 17.78cm (7-inch) coloured multi-information display and so on.

Hybrid

It also comes with a self-charging hybrid electric powertrain. It facilitates lower emissions and delivers exceptional fuel efficiency. Toyota Innova Hycross comes in a pure petrol engine option too, while Maruti brings out only the hybrid (petrol engine plus electric motor) model.

The 'Intelligent Electric Hybrid' system comes with a 2l petrol engine and a motor, coupled with an e-CVT transmission. Its engine power is 112kW, motor power 83.73kW and total system power is 137 kW.

The company claims a fuel efficiency of 23.24km/l. It offers multiple drive modes (EV, Normal, Eco, and Power) that allow a seamless transition between the engine, hybrid and electric drive modes.

The Invicto's Intelligent Electric Hybrid battery comes with a standard warranty of eight years/1,60,000km on the NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) battery pack.

Safety aspects

Invicto has a range of safety features. Six airbags as standard (front, side and curtain), front and rear disc brakes, the 360-view camera with dynamic guidelines, Electronic Parking Brake with Auto Hold, ABS with EBD, Vehicle Stability Control with Hill Hold Assist, and Tyre Pressure Monitoring System are all lovely features in the MPV.

The verdict

The Invicto is a premium MPV with a lot of safety and tech features. With the help of hybrid technology, it offers good fuel efficiency too.

Pricing

The Invicto is available in various colours — Nexa blue, Mystic White, Majestic Silver and Stellar Bronze. It is priced almost on par with Toyota Innova Hycross. It is available in three variants at a price range of ₹24,79,000 to ₹28,42,000.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Muzammil Pasha, r/a. No.341/1, 17th Cross, Byrappa Layout, Govindapura A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my minor son's name from **TOUHID HUSSAIN to MOHAMMED HAROON** vide Affidavit dated: 20/5/2023 Sworn before Meer Hassan, Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. JAGADISHA M S, aged about 39 years, residing at 112/85, 11th Main, 14th Cross, 6th Sector, HSR Layout Bangalore-560102, have changed my name to **JAGADISH M S** Vide Affidavit dated 22.07.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POORNACHANDRA THEJASHWI S.V**, Aged about 41 years, residing at No.201, Block 1, Brahmagiri BDA Apartment 5th North Cross Road, Malagala 2nd Phase, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. Have changed my name from **POORNACHANDRA TEJASHWI. S.V** to **POORNACHANDRA THEJASHWI S.V.** Declaring that These both names are one and same Person only & **POORNACHANDRA THEJASHWI S.V** is correct name, Vide affidavit dated 22/07/2023 sworn before Advocate & notary DEVARAJA.E, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I hitherto known as RINKU alias RINKU YADAV S/o SATYAVIR SINGH Staff No 216649 employed at Bharat Electronics limited as Deputy Manager PMG/MS department residing at A-312, Dhanush Enclave, 26/3, G Ramaiah layout, Hesargatta main road, Vidyaranyapura post, Bangalore, Karnataka 560097. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **RINKU YADAV** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 22.07.2023 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

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I, **No. 14245204Y Rank: Ex. Hav, Name: NAGA RAJU** S/o. Shivalingegowda, No. 106, 17th main, 3rd A Cross, Thimmarayagowda Layout, Ittamadu, VTC: Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name to **NAGARAJU**, vide affidavit dated 20.07.2023 sworn before notary A Prabhakar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt Sheelarthi M**, wife of late R.V. Vasanth Kumar aged about 49 years, residing at No.2/3, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Govindarajanagar Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, have changed my name from Sheelarathi to **SHEELA VASANTH** (after my marriage) and changed my name from **Sheela Vasanth** to **M SHEELARTHI** vide affidavit dated : 21.07.2023 sworn before notary : **M.K.Devaki**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARJUN SANJAY KUMAR,** Aged about 45 years, S/o. Gurushantappa, No 134, Govt. School Road, Kodigehalli, Sahakaranagar Post, Bangalore - 560092, do hereby declare I have changed my name from **MALLIKARJUNA B G** to **ARJUN SANJAY KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 21.07.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. RENUKA .B.** W/o Halappa.K.V R/at No.305, MSR Mansion (Near Muneshwara Temple), 3/2, Srirampura Village, Jakkur Post, Bangalore-560064, Do hereby declare that as per my all records, my name is **RENUKA.B** and in my Passport it is wrongly mentioned as **REKHA HALAPPA**, both the names belong to me only and henceforth my name should be considered as **RENUKA .B** only, Vide affidavit dated 21.07.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **H.SRIDHAR RAO**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **UMA RAVI @ UMA R** W/O RAVIKUMAR, Aged about 38 years, R/a Tehsil Bidar, Bawagi, Bidar - 585 226 & R/a No. 140/6, ASSE Line, St. John's Road, Opp. Shobha Ivory, Bengaluru, I declare that below mentioned both names **Uma R** and **Uma Ravi** are refers to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 22/7/2023 sworn to before P.N.Nagesha advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PREMILA T** W/o **KANNIAPPANE** R/at Flat No.1206 Block A Janhavi Enclave 1st Main Road BTM 3rd Stage Kodichikkanahalli. Bengaluru – 560076 have changed my name to **PREMILA** Vide Affidavit dated: 21/7/2023 Before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I hitherto known as B K SIVAJI alias BALLEY KASIRAM SIVAJI alias BARADE KASIRAM SIVAJI son of KASIRAM BARADE resident of No 126 16TH Cross Near Delmia Circle J P Nagar 4th Phase Bangalore -Karnataka-560078 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **BARADE KASIRAM SIVAJI** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 22.07.2023 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I hitherto known as ADARI THRILOKA VINOD S KUMAR son of ADARI RAMAKRISHNA resident of H-No 3-24 Ganaparthi Munagapaka Mandalam Ganaparthi Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh -531055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **ADARI SANTOSH** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 21.07.2023 before Notary S.S.V Lakshmana Rao , Anakapalli.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. Ramachandra K.S** S/o Sri. Shivanna K.C. aged about 47 years and **Smt. Manjula R** W/o. Mr. Ramachandra K.S, aged about 38 years, residing at No. 46, 5th Cross, 4th Block, Malagala, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560091, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor son's name from **Maurrya** to **Maurya .R. Prasad** vide affidavit dated 21.07.2023 sworn to before S.N. Madhu, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARUNA KUMAR KALAPPA**, S/o. Kalappa K.P., Residing at No. 43, Mallesara, Nonabur Post, Therthahalli, Shimogga District - 577 414, Karntaka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARUN KUMAR K** to **ARUNA KUMAR KALAPPA** vide affidavit dated 22.07.2023 sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TANVI SATARADDI**, aged about 19 years, D/o Sri. Arvind Rangappa Sataraddi & Smt. Suvarna Arvind Sataraddi, Resident of Flat No.405, Aditya Royal Apartments, #313/A, MPM Layout, 80 Feet Road, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru South Bengaluru-560056, Karnataka, India, do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **TANVI SATARADDI** to **TANVI ARVIND SATARADDI** vide affidavit dated 22.07.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **H S Sakalesh Aradhya**, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **TIRUPATUR KHADER AKBAR BASHA, Aged about 71 years, S/o. TIRUPATUR KHADER ABDUL JABBAR**, Residing at No. 3, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 1st Cross, Vinayakanagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka-560078, I declare that my name has been mentioned in passport records as **AKBER BASHA TIRUPATUR KHADER** instead of **TIRUPATUR KHADER AKBAR BASHA** and my date of birth has been recorded as **01.05.1952** instead of **19.05.1952.** I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 21-07-2023 sworn before advocate and notary Aravind Patil .G.G, Bengaluru

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'I ADMIRE SHASHANK'S COMMITMENT TO GIVING EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO WOMEN CHARACTERS'

says Brinda Acharya, who shared insights into her approach to her character as Shivani, and adapting her style to fit each role

Brinda Acharya

A SHARADHAA

FROM being part of a romantic drama like *Prema Poojyam* to starring in women-centric films like *Juliet*, it is clear that Brinda Acharya is out to showcase her talent in various genres. In her upcoming release, *Kousalya Supraja Rama,* directed by Shashank, Brinda plays a significant part. The family drama is set to hit the screens on July 28.

The viral peppy love track 'Ninge sothogbitnalle Shivani' in *Kousalya Supraja Rama,* picturised on her and Krishna has made her an instant hit on social media. Brinda describes her character of Shivani as a bubbly and happy-go-lucky personality with a unique yet relatable maturity in the film, which delves into male chauvinism, Brinda says that her character, along with Milana Nagaraj's, portrays strength and power. Reflecting, in specific, on the character's journey in the film, which explores themes of relationships and values, Brinda finds Shivani's maturity intriguing. "I deeply immersed myself in the role. It helped me connect with the character on a profound level. I developed the ability to understand and have peaceful conversations with Ram, the role played by Krishan" she says.

A still from the film

Brinda shares that collaborating with well-known director Shashank, known for his work in films like *Moggina Manasu,* and *Krishnan Love Story,* was a huge learning experience. "I appreciate the expertise and efficiency of the well-organised team during filming. I admire Shashank's commitment to giving equal importance to women characters, making it an honour to work with him. As for Krishna, I can say he is a man of few words, but his talent and dedication is evident in his impactful work," says Brinda. When asked about sharing screen space with Milana, Brinda kept it suspenseful, hinting that viewers should discover it on the big screen.

Kousalya Supraja Rama is jointly produced by BC Patil's Kourava Production House and Shashank Cinemas. The film also features talented actors Nagabhushan, Sudha Belawadi, and Achyuth Kumar in pivotal roles. The music is composed by Arjun Janya, while Sugnaan handles the cinematography.

Apart from *Kousalya Supraja Rama,* Brinda has a couple of projects lined up, including *Ritu*, a women-centric subject, and another project, which she will begin shooting in September.

UNTANGLING THE DARK WEB OF *AMBUJA*

A SHARADHAA

AMBUJA, directed by Srini Hanumantharaju, is a drama intertwined with an untold crime that delves into the dark world of seemingly ordinary lives harbouring horrifying secrets. The story revolves around Nandini, a crime reporter played by Shubha Poonja, who is determined to uncover the mystery behind the deaths of 15 women. She teams up with her colleague Arjun (Deepak Subramanya) to embark on an intense investigation that leads them down a dangerous path. Meanwhile, Nandini's mother, Paddu (Padmaja Rao), concerned about her daughter's future due to a psychological disorder, suggests an unconventional match with her uncle Akhilesh (Jagadeesh), a gynaecologist. However, fate takes a dramatic turn when Arjun encounters a Lambani girl on a deserted roadside, triggering a series of life-changing events.

RATING 2.5/5

As a debutant director, Srini Hanumantharaju ambitiously tries to cater to diverse audience preferences by incorporating elements of crime, suspense, glamour, sentiment, and superstition. While the film manages to hold the audience's attention for a while, it struggles to maintain suspense until the end, leading to some aspects of the story lacking coherence.

Shubha Poonja, in her 50th film, as the determined crime reporter Nandini, delivers a convincing performance, However, the director could have extracted an even better portrayal from her. Padmaja Rao portrays the concerned mother effectively, but her dialogue delivery occasionally veers towards being too loud. Deepak Subramanya's portrayal of Arjun is a key element of the film. Rajini playing the titular character, Ambuja unfortunately, gets limited screen time. Govinde Gowda provides much-needed comedic relief, though, at times, the comedy goes overboard and affects the film's overall balance.

Ambuja is an average crime drama with engaging moments and a promising premise. However, it falls short in fully realising its potential, leaving some aspects of the plot underdeveloped. Nevertheless, Srini Hanumantharaju's debut effort definitely hints at the director's potential. The film's exploration of the dark side and its attempt to shed light on the complexities of human behaviour make it a one-time watch strictly for those intrigued by crime dramas with a twist.

AMBUJA
Director: Srini Hanumantharaju
Cast: Shubha Poonja, Rajini, Jagadeesh, and Deepak Subramanya

The actor is set to star opposite Mohanlal in Nanda Kishore's Pan-India action adventure

Team of Vrushabha

Ragini Dwivedi joins the stellar cast of *Vrushabha*

CE FEATURES

VRUSHABHA, director Nanda Kishore's highly anticipated action entertainer, went on floors on Sunday. The pan-Indian film, headlined by Mohanlal, has a stellar ensemble. The latest to join the cast, which has the likes of Roshan Meka, Shanaya Kapoor, Zara Khan, and Srikanth Meka is Ragini Dwivedi.

Vrushabha marks Ragini's second collaboration with Mohanlal after *Kandahar.* Awaiting the release of her upcoming Malayalam film, *Sheela,* Ragini expresses elation in joining the sets of *Vrushabha.* "It is fabulous to be working with such technicians and actors. Reuniting with Mohanlal after *Kandahar* is a phenomenal feeling. To top it off, the character, which I can't reveal at this moment, is outstanding, and has so much weightage," she says.

The project, produced by Ekta Kapoor of Balaji Telefilms in collaboration with Connekkt Media and AVS Studios, is scheduled for a 2024 release. The film will be out in Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi.

Ragini Dwivedi

Nidhi Subbaiah, Aniruddha Jatkar and Rachel David

Aniruddha makes a comeback with Anand Raj's directorial

Actor Anirudhaa Jatkar, known for his roles in films like *Thuntata*, and *Rama Shama Bhama*, has been focusing on television serials, in the recent past. The actor, who rose to fame with his performance in daily soaps like *Jothe Jothyaali* and Suryavamsa, is returning to the cinema in the lead role in filmmaker Anand Raj's directorial after five years. The film's story, screenplay, and dialogue are written by Ganesh Parashuram. The yet-to-be-titled project, bankrolled by Savottam, will have Nidhi Subbaiah and Rachel David on board as female leads. The script pooja of the film took place on July 20 at Dr Vishnuvardhan's memorial in Mysuru. The film's technical crew includes cinematographer Udaya Leela and music composer Ritwik Muralidhar. The film is currently under pre-production, and the makers are gearing up to begin the filming soon.

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